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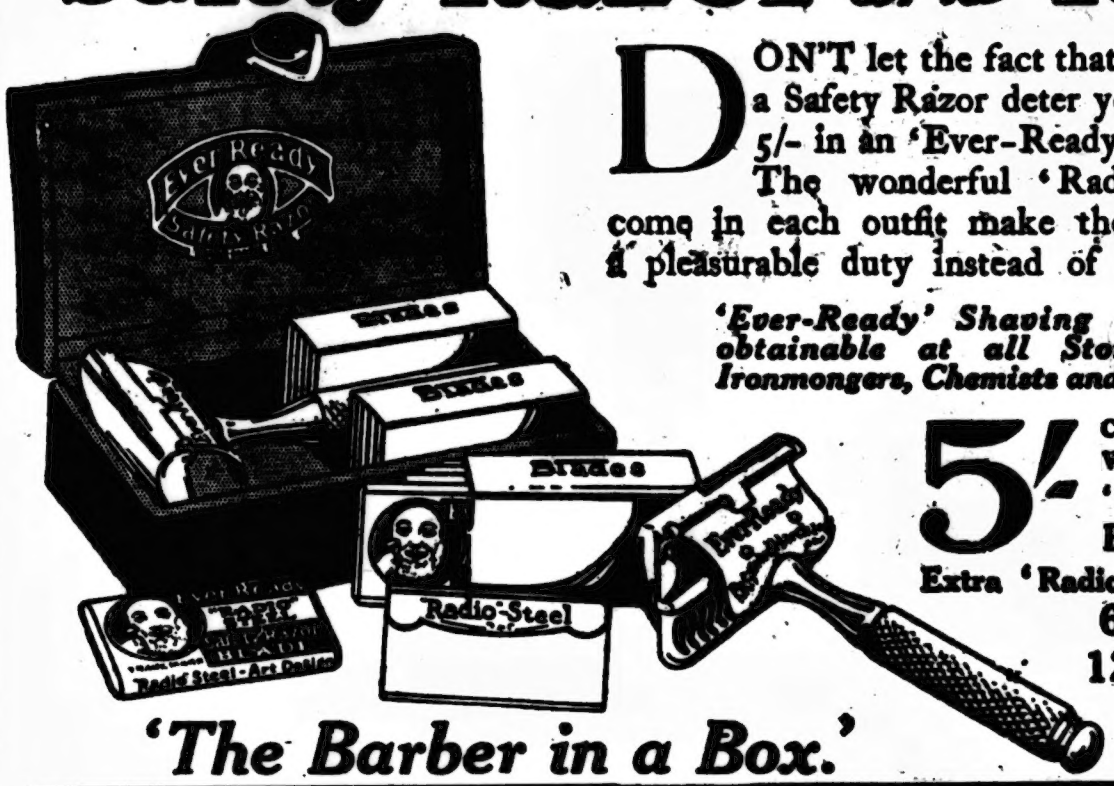

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"THE WORLD, THE FLESH, AND THE DEVIL."

[*The Editor discourses upon passing events and topics of the day.*]

Irish Terrorism.

Is not it a shocking reflection that although a special train was provided for the Directors of the Dublin and South Eastern Railway to attend the funeral of their murdered colleague, Mr. Frank Brookes, not one of them dared attend. Poor Ireland!

Irish Resignations.

And is it any wonder that magistrates and also officers of the Royal Irish Constabulary are resigning in batches?

"The Guillotine."

We must be more careful about our Parliamentary terms. Coupled with the setting up of Court-Martial law in Ireland, many people thought the "Guillotine," the name applied to the automatic closuring of debate at a certain hour, was to be taken literally and that it related to a new form of punishment for Sinn Feiners!

"The Kangaroo."

Here is another Parliamentary phrase—which is applied to the right of the Chairman of Committees (and, of course, the Speaker) to select, from the Order Paper, the Amendments to be discussed—jumping, at his discretion, from one page to another.

A Labour Demonstration.

Members who witnessed the Devlin scene in the House on Friday, when all the Labour men present followed the Irish Member out of the Chamber, were amused to find that their astute colleagues had caught their trains home, leaving their less emotional brethren to see the business through at a late hour.

Mr. Tom Casement.

Is it the fact that this brother of Sir Roger Casement has recently been smuggled back to Ireland under an assumed name—and, if so, are the authorities acquainted with his whereabouts?

Ireland.

We are afraid that, like the newest Home Rule Bill now before Parliament, this latest Coercion measure is doomed to failure. We repeat what we said in the House—Ireland is lost.

Back Scratching.

From *Daily Sketch*, Wednesday, 4th August: "Lady Astor is the right type of woman for Parliament, and I hope others like her will soon follow.—*Mrs. Lloyd George.*

"Mr. Lloyd George has done wonderful things, and it is doubtful if any human being could have done better.—*Lady Astor.*"

That was rather rough on *Mrs.* L. G.!

Treasury Activity.

What is the explanation of the remarkable activity this year of the Income Tax collectors? Is the idea to make us forget the increased railway fares by giving us something else to grumble about?

The Limbs of the Law.

By the way, isn't it rather rough on ex-soldiers with artificial limbs that, in assessing them for Income Tax, the authorities make no allowance for the expense of keeping such limbs in repair?

The King and Commons.

Now that the Lord Chancellor has entertained the King at dinner in the Lords, perhaps Mr. Speaker may follow the example and invite His Majesty to meet some of his faithful Commons around the festive board.

Floating Mines.

Isn't it about time the North Sea and Channel were made safe for night boat services? We heard of fourteen of these mines being encountered the other afternoon by the Ostend boat, but, it being daylight, they were, of course, easily avoided.

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America Propaganda.

When is the Government going to organise a propaganda campaign in America to counteract the pernicious effects of the anti-British agitation going on all over that country?

A New Tax.

Perhaps before settling his next Budget, the Chancellor of the Exchequer will consider the idea of a reciprocal Poll Tax upon all Americans and other aliens upon landing on, and also leaving, our shores. At present, every Britisher entering or leaving the United States has to pay a tax of thirty-five shillings.

Ourselves and the Attorney-General.

We are encountering many legal difficulties in the way of this test case, but hope to be able to bring it before the Courts after the Long Vacation. Meanwhile, on the subject of lotteries, several readers point out that when the Apostles were called on to appoint a successor to Judas, they decided to cast lots, and prayed that the choice would fall on the right man.

A Parliamentary Dinner.

There was a novel gathering at the House one night last week—when all the Parliamentary Secretaries met at dinner. Here are one or two items from the menu: Canard Terrible, Crème Limpet, Pommes Fusion, Pouding Cabinet de Demain. And here is one of the toasts—"Never Say Dyer"!

The Price of Fish.

One of our readers tells us that, with a friend, he was at Whitby the other week-end and attended a sale of fish brought up from the boats. After making various purchases, they were informed that under the provisions of "Dora" only persons holding wholesale fish-dealers' licences could be supplied. Thus is the price of food kept up.

Devastated Belgium.

We have been once or twice recently to Ostend and are satisfied that, despite the infinitely better output of the Belgian workers, it will be several years before the town is restored to anything like its pre-war condition. One explanation given is that the owners of damaged house property are waiting for the German reparation!

That British Champion.

Mr. "Smiler" Hales is in a state of high glee at the progress of the "JOHN BULL Boys," under his direction, who are training with a view to bringing the Boxing Championship of the World back to Britain. We hope to pay them a personal visit at their quarters in Herne Bay at an early date, and to give readers our impressions.

A "Red" M.P.

So Mr.—late Lt.-Col.—Malone, M.P., has definitely joined the "Reds" and hopes one day to lead their army to the House of Commons. How he reconciles his present position with his oath of allegiance to the King we must leave him to decide. By the way, was it *his* coat which was lost at the recent Communist meeting? He has certainly changed it frequently enough of late.

Then and Now.

In 1908, Mr. John Burns, as President of the Local Government Board, told us that there were fifty thousand empty houses in London. And they were not only old houses, but modern ones as well. In some of the London suburbs you could find street after street of new houses "To Let." Since then, hundreds of thousands of men have been killed—and yet there is now a House Famine! Strange, isn't it?

Local Limerick.

(*Miss Letta Hills, of Folkestone, is preparing to cross the Channel on her water-cycle.*)

There is a girl giddy to go
O'er the Channel where cross currents flow;
The waves she will fetter,
That's if they will Letta—
She will chance it for wheel or for whoa!

Another Worker's Life.

This is another worker's painful story, following other revelations of ours:—"I am 67, work 10 or 11 hours a day, sometimes more. I am crippled with sciatica, suffer serious internal troubles, and varicose veins. I have a wife to support. Yet I can read of thousands of pounds being sent abroad, and aliens brought here to be fed while our own can starve." There is certainly a true bill in the last sentence. But our friend, when he says "thousands of pounds," underestimates the iniquity. It is millions that are flung to the "late" enemies.

Portsmouth's "Great Unpaid."

There is urgent need for the appointment of a Stipendiary Magistrate at Portsmouth, as certain recent decisions of "Pompey's" unpaid "Justices" are bringing the Bench into ridicule. These Hampshire cadis seem to have no sense of values. How else could they possibly have meted out the same punishment, a fine of £2, to a lad who failed to ring his bicycle-bell when rounding a corner, and to a filthy brute who was convicted of indecently assaulting a baby girl, 4 years and 8 months old?

The Nurses' Need.

Public subscriptions to the Nation's Fund for Nurses amount to £100,000, the sum aimed at. It is to be devoted to the relief of nurses in sickness or distress, a wholly worthy object if it can be carried out, and if administration expenses are not too high. The trouble is that most nurses in distress would be too proud to ask for assistance. Their biggest need in London is Homes to live in between engagements, at a modest cost. Large Homes, say, at Paddingdon, Liverpool Street, and Denmark Hill, would be of untold blessing.

Two Families in One Room.

A war widow of Preston, with two children, applied for possession of a house tenanted by a woman living practically alone. The widow is compelled to lodge where two families occupy one bedroom—"horrible and disgraceful conditions in a civilised country," as the Judge truly said. Could she have but one bedroom to herself in that house of her own, the poor soul said, she would let the present tenant have free run of the rest of the house. Yet she lost her case—as did the Ashby man referred to elsewhere—through inability to offer "suitable alternative accommodation"!

Priest and People.

At a time when the Church is eager to get closer to the people, the following advertisement surely invites further estrangement: "Clergyman (single) detained a month in neighbourhood by engagements on the Sundays requires reasonable accommodation on July 30th; not in a house occupied by Thorneycroft's employees.—W. MEIKLEHAM, Byfleet Cottage, Old Basing." That contains the concentrated essence of bad taste, and 3,000 Thorneycroft's employees, as well as all other right-thinking folk, will rejoice that the clergyman's stay will be for a month only. A less period would do.

The German Band.

Taking time by the forelock, the Berlin Philharmonic Orchestra is arranging to visit England in 1921, for a series of concerts directed by Herr Nikisch. The contemplated impertinence of that visit is, we read, "in response to an invitation from England." We should dearly like to know from whom it proceeded, for the knowledge might help us to say a few chosen words.

What a Refuge!

William Finnigan, of Ravald Street, Oldham, informs us: "I have applied for my maternity grant for a child born on 21st April, 1920, and I am still waiting for my grant to come through." William's Approved Society is the Refuge Assurance Company, who, if they are in any doubt about giving a maternity grant to him, might at least hurry up and hand it over to his missus.

An Opening in the City.

There is a situation vacant—but do not hurry unduly. The qualifications are onerous. A City firm of printers advertise for a "thoroughly efficient and capable Bookkeeper and Shorthand-Typist, to take sole charge of books and correspondence; must have good references. Salary £100 to commence." Less than £2 a week—and things at their present prices. Of course the "old-established firm" is too shy to announce its name.

A Wicked Shame.

Is it necessary to employ seven women, beside three ex-Service men, in the Registry Room No. 111 in the Housing Department of the Ministry of Health, where there is little or no work to be done until 4.45 p.m., when the files come in to provide needless and costly overtime for idlers throughout the day? To employ on such jobs married women, whose husbands are earning good money, while men who have fought tramp the streets looking for work, is a wicked shame.

Napoleonic.

Throughout the discussions on General Dyer, who is simply sacrificed on the altar of political expediency, nobody seems to have thought of the analogy of Bonaparte's whif of grapeshot in Vandemaire, 1795, during the French Revolution, thus described by Carlyle: "'Fire,' say the bronze lips. And roar and thunder, roar and again roar, continual, volcano-like, goes his great gun . . . go all his great guns—blow to air some two-hundred men." The insurrection was over. "'It is false,'" the historian records Napoleon as saying, "'that we fired first with blank charge; it would have been waste of time to do that.'"

The Casual.

Mr. G. H. Davies, of Lancaster, a married man, was discharged from the Army at the end of 1915 with part of his forearm shot away, having done over 7 years' service. Through the Labour Exchange he was put on as a postman at Barrow-in-Furness. He says that before going he asked "one of the officials of the P.O. at Lancaster whether the job was permanent, and the official replied, 'I don't think they would send you if not.'" On the strength of this assurance he sold up his home in Lancaster and settled in Barrow—now to be informed that his services are no longer required. "I consider I have been treated very badly over this job," he says. So do we.

"Cushy" Railway Jobs.

We suggest to Sir Eric Geddes that he inquires into the allegation that railway companies are paying large salaries to the sons of chief officials or their friends who are nominally being trained for high positions. Apart from the favouritism of this procedure, it is stated that these young men do no useful work, but rather hinder experienced servants in their duties. The public, of course, pays.

An Insult to Khaki.

At Salford a police-constable swore to visiting a public-house on several occasions, dressed in khaki, and that he made bets on the premises. To wear the King's uniform in such circumstances is to prostitute it, and should be a punishable offence—if it is not so already. Frequenting a "pub." for the avowed purpose of gambling is also a slight upon the law. Much worse is the insult to khaki.

Wear and Tear.

Reminded by "one of the cases mentioned" in a recent issue, a country solicitor says he had a client whose dog slightly injured a postman's trousers. The man was compensated, but subsequently stated that the Post Office authorities had claimed and received from him compensation for injury to their reversionary interest in said trousers, the wearer being only tenant for life. This is such a good one that perhaps our professional friend won't mind telling us another.

Too Old at—30.

Apparently some of the officials who deal with unemployment cases ought themselves to be out of a job. A deaf ex-Service man applied to the Elgin War Pensions Committee for training in diamond-cutting. He completed a preliminary lip-reading course in April. After waiting from then until July for a vacancy, he has been informed by the Divisional Director of Training at Edinburgh that, being over 30, he is not eligible for the training. Until then, however, nothing had been said to him about an age limit. It seems scandalous.

A Fitting Sentence.

We have so often drawn attention to the wickedly inadequate punishment inflicted on beasts guilty of criminal assaults on little girls, that we must express our satisfaction at the sentence of ten years' penal servitude imposed at Leeds Assizes on Percy Clifford, a Bradford woolcomber, for an outrage on a girl of three, to whom he communicated a loathsome disease. A few more sentences of this nature would do much to put a stop to a foul crime, whose perpetrators escape far too often with a smaller penalty than they would receive if they had only stolen a loaf.

Communists in Cannon Street.

While, doubtless, catholicity of spirit is an element in business as in religion, our nice sensibilities were rather shocked on learning that the management of the Cannon Street Hotel had let one of their rooms for a meeting of British Bolsheviks, who by resolution declared for the establishment of the Soviet system in this country, and repudiated the view that "social revolution can be achieved by the ordinary methods of Parliamentary democracy." It would be curious if one of these days Messrs. Lenin and Trotsky put up at the Cannon Street Hotel as a preliminary to shooting the directors in the sacred interests of the proletariat.

Where Pussyfoot Has Not Trod.

In many of the rural parts of the country—and even in some of the towns, within 40 miles of London—all through the war, licensed houses have opened from six in the morning to ten at night. The freedom permitted these districts has not been abused; the police reports have been excellent. Is it not time that "Dora" were dead as well as damned, and that the old liberties were restored to the rest of the country?

Drink and "Dora."

More about the eccentricities of "Dora." A reader, who lives at Rushden, mentions the curious case of the Three Shire House, on the borders of Beds, Huntingdon and Northants. "Dora" closed one county at 10 p.m. and left one open till 11 p.m., so the customers drinking at one side of the house at 10 merely step over to the other side if they wish to delay their "deoch an' doris" until 11.

"Are You There?"

When it comes to dealing fairly with the temporary night staff of the London Telephone service the Postmaster-General is certainly not there. "Temporary" is a technical but comparative term. Some girls have been on night duty four nights a week for 12 hours a night for five years. Being "temporaries" they did not receive the wage-increase and back money granted to the "permanents," though it is obvious they do not less deserve it and have had a harder struggle to live without it.

Some Goer.

The *Christian* reports a meeting of the Glynn Vivian Miners' Mission at Brighton. "Dr. Stuart Holden," concludes the reporter, "who had run down to Brighton for an hour—between two trains—to express his sympathy, gave the closing address based on Paul's counsel to Timothy, 'Take heed to thyself and the doctrine.'" We suggest that Dr. Holden should take heed of himself. A man who runs between two trains for an hour is obviously in peril, for it is written "Let him that thinketh he standeth take heed lest he fall."

Cleaners in Cardiff.

By what we are told, we learn that the female cleaners in the various offices at Cardiff Docks are badly underpaid. This seems to be due to the occupants of the offices contracting with the caretakers, who apparently pay the women what they please. "We never," complains one of them, "get the chance of seeing the office gentlemen ourselves, and if we dare to raise our voices fault is found and we find it far pleasanter to leave and say nothing." If said gentlemen can see means of improving the present system of paying their cleaners, will they be kind enough to do so?

Horrex's Again.

So far as Horrex's Hotel is concerned, the Labour Ministry does not improve. Months ago we cited case after case of its shortcomings; it still plays the same absurd, irritating game. In February an ex-officer registered for work, and was promised an interview. In April they wanted to know if he had secured employment, so as to "keep their books straight." In July he received an appointment for an interview, but did not attend because he had fixed up a berth. And then they wrote that his name would be removed from the register. Horrex's should have been scrapped long ago.

How the Money Goes.

A vessel, appropriately named the *Recovery*, appears to have been lying off Lerwick for about nine months with no other object than the salving of some dozen old anchors. A second vessel lay alongside it for two months to load up the salvage. The wages bill alone must exceed what the old iron could realise.

Getting Back to Old Times.

The nearest approach in recent days to pre-war conditions in the publishing trade will be the appearance of good, clean fiction by first-class authors at the really popular price of fourpence, in the Odhams new series of well-printed novels, with beautifully illustrated covers. The new ventures, full particulars of which appear elsewhere, will be called the JOHN BULL and EVERYWOMAN'S Complete Novels, and on behalf of self and partner, we bow in acknowledgment of the compliment.

Admiralty Autocracy.

The fishing gear of a man named Bevis, of Swanwick, Hampshire, was cut and destroyed by a Government trawler. The authorities at Portsmouth and the Admiralty refuse compensation, as they say Bevis did not heed the trawler's warnings. In this case, once again, the "investigation" has been held without giving the fisherman a chance to be present to submit evidence, or to cross-examine the Government witnesses. It is easy for the Admiralty to sit tight and announce its decision, but the way it was arrived at is open to censure.

A Present from Home.

A sailor's wife posted to hubby on one of H.M.'s ships a registered parcel of cakes and other nice things. They told her, at Devonport, the fee was 1s. That was on May 18th. Some sprightly official discovered that not enough had been paid, so the parcel was kept hanging around till June 8th, and then sent off to the sailor, with a letter asking him to remit the deficiency, 1s. 6d., in stamps. The indignant sailor wonders "how the d——l" he can buy English stamps in Russia—for a parcel uneatable because of wanton delay.

Widows' Pensions.

While wound and disability pensions coming under section 16 of last year's Finance Act are exempt from Income Tax, it is payable on the pensions received by soldiers' and sailors' widows. A woman who lost her husband in the war, on asking the reason for this distinction, was recently told, "A wounded soldier has something to show for his pension; you haven't." Our Government officials used at least to be courteous, and as the poor woman points out, the loss of a husband is, even from the financial standpoint, infinitely greater than that of an arm or a leg.

The Jobless Army.

It is feared the jobless army will be *en marche* in the winter. An enormous number of men are still out of work, as Mr. Crosbie Wood, Hon. Organising Secretary of the National Federation of the Unemployed of England and Wales, reminds us. "This seaside town," he says, writing from Weymouth, where he lives, "has on its Labour Exchange register considerably over 1,000 unemployed men. A large percentage of these are married; the out-of-work donation is running out." If the Government can't find the ex-Service men work, they will have to grant an anti-starvation dole at the least.

The Manxman—Profiteer.

A Manchester reader, who recently visited the Isle of Man, is aghast at the local food prices. Everything, he says, is dearer than in England—meat, eggs, bacon, fish, fruit and vegetables costing from 25 to 100 per cent. more. Even Manx kippers, for which he pays 3d. a pair when at home, are retailed at 7d. And there is no Income Tax or Excess Profits' Duty on Mona's Isle!

A Theatrical Hardship.

Commenting on the large proportion of their scanty salaries which so many actresses have to pay for lodgings while on tour, the father of a chorus girl makes the suggestion that managers, who are responsible for finding the theatre, should also be responsible for finding quarters for their companies. Advance agents, who visit each town prior to the company "opening" there, could also keep their eyes open for suitable accommodation at reasonable prices.

Made in Germany.

While on a visit to the seaside, a correspondent bought a picture postcard "Published by Tom Clark, Blackpool." On examining it, he discovered the words "Printed in Germany," cleverly camouflaged. As we have frequently urged, if our people buy German manufactured goods, let them do it with full knowledge of the "country of origin." Such tricks as the one we have exposed are both mean and insulting to the intelligence of customers, whoever the perpetrator be.

"Down the Strand."

Inspired by the experiences of the wine and spirit merchant's manager, as recently related by us, a woman now in another occupation tells us of her own strenuous and ill-paid toil as manageress of a pub. down the Strand during a period of the war until 29th December last. Her takings for the eleven months from 12th October, 1918, to 6th September, 1919, amounted to £16,202 13s.—an average of £337 odd per week. "None of us knew what a proper half-day off was; but we got off on a Sunday afternoon, after 3, and had an evening off every third week." The proprietor at first paid her £2 a week, but eventually, not wishing to wallow alone in prosperity, he raised her salary of £2 10s. No wonder that prices of drinks are high.

"Luggage in Advance."

Recently one of our readers handed in at the Midland Railway Parcels Office in Bournemouth two small trunks to be sent "in advance" to London, at "the enhanced price of 3s. a packet." The following day a man in charge of a Midland Railway van brought one of the trunks to his London home and took it away again, telling him that luggage in advance could not be delivered. Next morning he received a postcard informing him that a parcel was awaiting him and he must remove it. The sender is very anxious to know "whether this is another railway ramp, or a common or garden swindle." We suggest it is a religious ceremony.

Hurry Up.

If you want to win a "Bullets" Holiday Prize hurry up with your coupons. These special prizes are on offer for only two more weeks.

PRISONERS AT THE BAR.

BEFORE MR. JUSTICE BULL.

I. SIR ERIC GEDDES.

MR. JUSTICE BULL: Eric Geddes, in spite of all that has been urged in your favour by those whose delight it is to whitewash the failings of Ministers, you have been convicted by the vast jury of your countrymen of a sinister betrayal of trust. True, you have not been guilty of what I may call political felony; you have never trafficked with the King's enemies, incited the people to revolution, or otherwise striven to undermine the bases of the Constitution. Still, I cannot ignore the verdict of your countrymen that in your exalted office as Minister of Transport you have exhibited the worst vices of the bureaucrat, unredeemed, as far as I can see, by a single solid achievement which might stand to your credit in the hour of trial.

SIR ERIC GEDDES: I did my best, even if I *did* secure £50,000 and £11,000 in salary. After all, I did not seek political life; it was forced upon me by the Prime Minister—and I am a Business man first, and a Minister afterwards.

MR. JUSTICE BULL: Even so, you might never have stood where you now stand, awaiting the sentence of this just and impartial tribunal, had it not been for your crass and stubborn folly in regard to the holiday fares, a matter of small moment to you and your wealthy associates, but intimately concerning the people at large, and especially the great Middle Class, whose disproportionate burdens your action has still further increased. Such opportunities of public service as you have enjoyed are granted to few men of your type and calibre. To my mind, you have signally failed in your public duty. What have you to say why sentence should not be pronounced upon you as justice dictates?

SIR ERIC GEDDES: I will only say, my Lord, that I accepted the office of Minister of Transport on the understanding that I was to have a free hand in all matters of railway organisation, including the assessment of fares. On no other terms would I have agreed to place my expert knowledge at the disposal of the State. This question of holiday fares is, after all, a trivial one, and should not, I contend, be allowed to weigh for a single moment against the great services I have rendered to the nation. But your Lordship is impatient; I will say no more at the moment.

MR. JUSTICE BULL: Impatient I am, Sir Eric, when you prate of services rendered as though you alone of His Majesty's loyal subjects had served your King and Country in the day of trial. Countless numbers of your present victims served as well as you—not for £11,000 per annum, but for eighteen-pence a day. For the rest, it is deplorable that you should be so lacking in imagination as to have no conception of the havoc your action has wrought among the most deserving classes of the community. Does no honest pulse of human sympathy beat anywhere beneath that hard official rind? Must you be ever the Minister and never the man? Think of the cruel disappointment your untimely and inconsiderate action has brought to thousands of British homes, to the children crowding our city pavements, who, had you stayed your hand, even for one short month, might to-day have been revelling in the joys of sea and countryside, laying in stores of health of a value unmeasurable in terms of money. But no; like a guillotine your decree descended, and in vain was the appeal made to your sense of human sympathy. Have you no apology to offer to the million you have so grievously wronged?

SIR ERIC GEDDES: No apology, I submit, is called for. As a business man, I cannot afford to indulge considerations of sentiment. The railways must be self-supporting. I had no choice.

MR. JUSTICE BULL: I cannot accept your plea. You had choice of time and method, and could scarce have chosen worse. Your holiday fares decision was sprung upon the nation without adequate warning, too late to avert its disastrous consequences. A little patient inquiry, an ounce of practical knowledge of the conditions under which the people live, might have saved you from the callous blunder that has brought you to the dock. Apart from anything you may yet urge in extenuation, I am bound to hold that, reckless of the consequences to the public, you have been engaged in a last desperate effort to redeem the crazy finance of your department, hoping by a species of blackmail to dispense with the solid virtues of economy and sound business management, upon which alone the fortunes of our transport system can securely rest. The temptation to fleece the holiday-maker in the interests of your grandiose Ministry was too strong to be resisted. Am I not right?

SIR ERIC GEDDES: With respect, my Lord, I disdain further comment on these charges, and await with composure the sentence of the Court.

MR. JUSTICE BULL: Disdain!—aye, there's the word. In considering what sentence shall be passed upon you, I am bound to have regard to medical opinion, on the strength of which I find you to be suffering from the mental disease known as "megalomania," producing in its victims an exaggerated idea of self-importance and a senseless desire to strut and pose on the stage of public life. On this score you are recommended to mercy, and I certainly am not disposed to subject you to vindictive punishment.

SIR ERIC GEDDES: I don't want your mercy, my lord.

MR. JUSTICE BULL: Listen, prisoner, to your sentence. You will leave the Ministry of Transport and retire from the Government, to which you have long been a source of weakness and an occasion of reproach. For such tangible services as you have rendered to the nation during the War, and since, you have been amply and even disproportionately rewarded, and no debt is due to you. From this place you will be conveyed by third-class passenger train, enjoying no privileges above your fellow passengers, to some convenient seaside resort, there to meditate upon your neglected opportunities, and to seek such treatment as may be available for the unhappy mental disorder from which you are suffering. On your return you should have no difficulty in obtaining suitable employment as a railway man.

SIR ERIC GEDDES: It is too much, my Lord.

MR. JUSTICE BULL: It is, perhaps, less than enough. The sentence stands. Remove the prisoner.

AN ILLUSIVE INVESTMENT.

MUSHROOM CORPORATION WITH DESIGNS ON YOUR SAVINGS.

Let us hope few of our readers need "An Incentive to Live," but they may be none the less interested in the plans of the British Bond Insurance Corporation, Ltd., of 57, Chancery Lane, W.C., for making them rich and happy by the issue of £100 Bonds repayable in 12 years at £145, the annual subscription during this period being £10 10s.

The proposal means that the investor will receive 2¾ per cent. compound interest on his deposits—rather less than if he entrusted his money to the Post Office Savings Bank. Meanwhile, to compensate in a measure for this niggardly rate of interest, it is proposed to pay off certain bonds in full before the date of their maturity, and at this point the directors have evidently been casting around for some means of defeating the irksome provisions of the Lotteries Act. Briefly, it is proposed that the bond-holders should themselves elect the "lucky numbers" by ballot, but, as in this event each bond-holder would presumably vote for himself, it is hard to see how a deadlock is to be avoided. On the whole, readers would do well to think twice before entrusting their savings to the British Bond Assurance Corporation, Ltd., a concern established as recently as January last, and having only £1,207 of its nominal capital subscribed to the end of June.

WHERE IS THE SUN?

SUBURBAN STAR-GAZER PROPOUNDS NOVEL THEORY.

Here's a pretty kettle of fish! With an air of conviction that compels respect, a Leyton reader, who, from a coign of vantage in his back garden, has made a great study of the stars, advances the suggestion that the orthodox astronomers have been all wrong in their computation of the distance that separates the earth from the sun, an error which, if our correspondent is correct, goes to the very roots of mundane affairs and may even account for the wet summer! True, the alleged mistake amounts only to a million miles or so, but even that is a lot if you are in a hurry.

The letter in which the Leyton star-gazer points out the error made, according to his calculation, by the original measurers of inter-stellar space occupies only two pages, and in this modest compass—far less than the space occupied by some readers in making nasty remarks about their next-door neighbours—the writer, to his own complete satisfaction, demolishes a blunder which, as he asserts, would have been set right long ago if only the Government had had the good sense to appoint him Astronomer-Royal. Our friend's theory is to be submitted to the critical scrutiny of the Royal Society, and if in the end it should prove well-founded, we shall have no hesitation in demanding for its author his out-of-pocket expenses and the the O.B.E.

INHUMAN TREASURY OFFICIALS.

NO PENSION FOR DEPENDENTS OF "LEINSTER" VICTIM.

During the war, a civilian who earned a good income in his own business was employed by the War Office as Inspector of Contracts. He was patriotic enough to offer to work without remuneration until he knew the duties, and actually did so for a whole year for nothing. In January, 1918, he applied for pay, and was in March informed by the War Office that the matter was "under consideration." Later in the same year he was sent over to Ireland on duty, and on returning lost his life when the s.s. *Leinster* was torpedoed. We understand that the Admiralty compensated the dependents of all those even remotely connected with the Navy who went down with the vessel, but all efforts to obtain a pension for this civilian's widow, who is trying to maintain herself and two daughters on an inadequate income, have been unavailing.

What aggravates this deplorable official meanness is that the Admiralty were largely responsible for the torpedoing of the ship, as they paid no attention to the owners' representations concerning the risk which she was running, and did not even provide an aeroplane as an escort. Treasury officials are not supposed to be human, but we suggest that this is a case in which even the State should feel some impulse of humanity.

A RENT IN THE RENT ACT.

CLINGING TO A COTTAGE IN THE COUNTRY.

The Rent Act has just revealed one of its defects in a case at Grimsby County Court. A man named Rudkin recently bought a cottage at Ashby, six miles from Grimsby. It is in the occupation of Mrs. Stephenson, wife of Dr. Stephenson, of the Manor House, Grimsby. Rudkin wanted the cottage for his own occupation. The lady and her family use it—not, however, for living in ordinarily, but as venue for fine weather visits. It is but a tiny place, while her own residence, the Manor House, is a big one. Mr. Rudkin, the landlord, lost his case—not on its merits, but on the strictly technical and legal ground that "no alternative accommodation had been offered." Such is the law, thanks to the muddle of the Act. Yet it does seem strange that the tenant of a week-end cottage, a mere luxury, not indispensable or even necessary, should be able to demand that its owner, desiring to live in it, be compelled to offer another luxury cottage in its stead.

ROTTEN!

CARRYING DECOMPOSED MEAT TO NEWCASTLE.

The Meat Inspector at Newcastle has just made public some of his experiences during a period of only four weeks, in June and July. In that wee while, 177,968 lbs. of food had to be condemned as unfit for consumption. The grand total—accent on the "grand," please—included 800 carcases of mutton sent by Government agents. This meat, on arrival, was in such a terrible state of mouldiness and putrefaction that it must have been in that condition before it left cold storage in Lincolnshire. Then there were 30 tons of oxtails, sheep's sweetbreads, and beef skirt, brought from Continental ports by Government agents, and also rotten. Included were 12,000 cases of imported Australian rabbits, the property of the Ministry of Food. They were actually found, decomposed, within a cold storage. There can be but one cause for the decay and rotting of all that food; it was kept until it decomposed, instead of being distributed while fresh. As for excuse, there can be none at all.

TOO TRICKY BY HALF.

GLASGOW'S METHODS OF RAISING THE WIND.

Early in July an advertisement in bold type appeared on the front page of the *Glasgow Herald*, asking for the names and addresses of recipients of French War Honours, and concluding with the words: "This Offer is Open for Seven Days." The proud possessor of a French war decoration would be justified in thinking that it tendered some advantage to himself, more especially if he happened to be out of work—which, unhappily, is the case in too many instances. Those who responded to the advertisement received a manifolded typewritten circular letter, addressed from 35, Bath Street, Glasgow, and couched thus:—

> An effort is being made to liquidate the debt on our Infirmaries in Glasgow. It is desired that French War Honour Recipients should take part in this effort independently or collectively as may seem most workable. If you can conveniently see your way to accept a subscription book when they are ready, or if you are agreeable to work on committee, please reply by the 24th July, to "Ronald," Messrs. Nelson & MacKay, Writers, at this address.

It is a pity to discredit so good a cause with so sly a trick. A straightforward invitation to holders of French war medals to assist in the charitable work on behalf of Glasgow's Infirmaries would have been far better than the ambiguous advertisement, with its misleading conclusion.

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JUSTICE FOR THE R.I.C.

TREASURY JOB THAT CALLS FOR COMPLETION.

While a good deal has been done to improve the condition under which members of the Royal Irish Constabulary discharge their perilous duties, the just demands of the situation are by no means completely satisfied. Particularly is this the case in regard to pensions. A new and improbed scale of pay was put into operation on April 1st, 1919—ominous date!—but constables retiring since then, although by regulations entitled to pension calculated on pay at date of retirement, have had to content themselves with pensions based on the old rate, a typical case being that of an ex-R.I.C. man, in Kilkenny County, who, as he tersely puts it, has "to support a wife and eight children in a hostile country" on a retired allowance of £6 10s. monthly. Such facts as these have a direct bearing upon the recruiting of the Constabulary, a matter of the utmost urgency in these disturbed times. It is to be hoped, therefore, that the whole question will be taken promptly in hand by the Treasury, so that as far as possible our incalculable debt to a gallant and sorely tried body of men may be faithfully discharged.

THE ELECTRICITY RAMP.

"LIGHTS OUT"—BUT CHARGES AS USUAL.

The rule adopted by certain electricity undertakings,—imposing a fixed minimum charge, irrespective of the amount of current consumed,—operates with great hardship during the summer. Thus, a Manor Park reader who took his holidays early and was away for several weeks prior to the June quarter day, found himself confronted, on his return, with the full "minimum" demand from the East Ham Borough Council—although, what with the light evenings and the holiday interval, his actual consumption of electricity had been next to nothing at all. At this September quarter, thousands of town residents will find themselves in the same boat, a prospect which will hardly console them for the vagaries of the weather and the pressure of the Government's railway ramp. It was during the war, when economy in the use of light and fuel was supposed to be the patriotic duty of every citizen, that the electricity magnates first bethought them of this irritating impost—which, except that it serves to wring a little more profit out of the helpless consumer, has nothing whatever to recommend it.

PRINTER'S PIE.

(Half-a-crown is paid to the sender of each item published. Envelopes must be marked "Pie.")

"GLASGOW EVENING NEWS":—"Western Wave Wins Stewards. An Exciting Finish. Objection for BUMPING TAILS."

"EASTERN EVENING NEWS" (Norwich):—"Every workman who really looks into it . . . WILL NOT ONLY RESENT THE ABOLITION of workmen's tickets, but WILL HEARTILY WELCOME IT as a step entirely in the right direction."

"CHESTER-LE-STREET CHRONICLE":—"—— and ——were each fined 7s. 6d. for keeping dogs WITH a licence."

"DAILY TELEGRAPH" (advertisement):—"The —— Co. . . . hereby give notice, that UNLESS the goods consigned to —— . . . . are NOT CLAIMED . . . they will be sold to defray expenses."

"DAILY HERALD":—"The centre of protest will be the great SIX-HOUR meeting to be held FROM 3 P.M. to 6 P.M."

"BIRMINGHAM GAZETTE & EXPRESS":—"During the month there was 3.625 inches of rain, the GREATEST AMOUNT IN ONE DAY BEING 450 INCHES."

MY RECOLLECTIONS OF THE LAW.

INCIDENTS AND ANECDOTES OF FORTY YEARS' EXPERIENCE IN THE COURTS.

By HORATIO BOTTOMLEY, M.P.

FOR the average, conventional, law-abiding citizen, there is no place possessing greater terror than a Court of Law. Personally, there is no place where I feel so much at home. I suppose I absorbed its atmosphere during those five years—1881 to 1886—when I was one of the semi-official shorthand writers in the High Court—after a previous experience of three years in solicitors' offices. It was during that period that the Strand Palace of Justice was opened. Prior to then, we had to go to Westminster Hall for Common Law or Nisi Prius cases; whilst the Chancery Courts were spread all over the place in the vicinity of Chancery Lane. The Master of the Rolls was located up a yard almost opposite the Law Institution, a Chancery Judge was housed in the Library at Lincoln's Inn, and the three funny old Vice-Chancellors occupied glorified army huts close by. Jessel was Master of the Rolls, and the Vice-Chancellors were Hall, Malins and Bacon, and Fry was the Chancery Judge in the Library. Well, it makes one feel rather old when I reflect that in those days our present Lord Chancellor was a boy at school, the Lord Chief Justice was just starting a business career, most of the present occupants of the Bench hadn't even been called to the Bar, and many of our distinguished Judges—Russell, Alverstone, Cozens-Hardy, Swinfen Eady, Chitty, James, Vaughan Williams, Fletcher Moulton (to mention but a few) were struggling juniors. Even the venerable Lord Halsbury was just budding forth as a "rising" advocate. My word, how the *tempus* does *fugit!*

As Solicitor's Clerk.

I propose, in this instalment, to confine myself to the first chapter of my legal recollections, comprised of my experiences as Youth in a lawyer's office. And, after that, I will recount some of the incidents of a remarkable acquaintance with the law and with lawyers—in almost every Court in the land; and in doing so I shall draw aside the veil which at present shelters more than one high legal reputation. Indeed, there is a certain story yet to be told in which a Judge of the highest rank and I played the leading parts, and which, so far, I have never divulged except to Lord Birkenhead and Lord Reading; but the time has come when silence should be broken. I will not, however, anticipate these things. It was in 1874 that I entered the office (I think is the way to put it) of a solicitor in Coleman Street, City. It came about in this way: Having dismally failed to justify the expectations of my relatives, who had, after much deliberation, planned out for me an artistic career, and having apparently convinced them that my instincts were more commercial than artistic, they had procured for me a salaried appointment as youth in the office of a Paris manufacturer's agent in King Street, Cheapside, where my duties consisted mainly of carrying around the West End houses samples of the latest patterns in fringes and passementeries, whilst my principal dilated upon their beauty to stony-hearted buyers. But here, again, I grieve to say, the gravest misgivings arose as to my fitness for the post. Somehow or other, I could never grow enthusiastic over fringes and passementeries, and often, after a hard day's tramp, as I sat in the office and pondered over my lot, I felt that life itself was about as empty as many—or, rather, *most*—of the cardboard boxes around me. This incipient form of mutiny after a time received fatal encouragement, for, as the circle of my City acquaintances increased (thanks to the freedom of etiquette in the various City bun shops), I struck up an intimate friendship with a mysterious and impressive young gentleman who occupied what might literally be described as an exalted position in a solicitor's office; and even now I can clearly picture him proudly surveying me from the giddy height of the office stool, whilst I stood, spell-bound, listening to his startling revelations of the mysteries of the legal profession and its golden opportunities. From that moment relations between the passementerie man and myself became somewhat strained, and, taking advantage of the first opportunity which arose, I bade him farewell—although, perhaps, that is a somewhat euphemistic way of putting it. The actual fact is that, just when my disaffection was at its height, I was informed that the establishment was about to be transferred to other premises, and was commissioned to undertake the removal of the entire stock to its new habitation, with the aid of a spacious hand-truck, which a neighbouring greengrocer had agreed to place at our disposal at a charge of fourpence per hour. This was more than my proud spirit could bear; but it was in vain I pointed out that it was not for such things that I had learnt French and Latin and acquired the numerous other accomplishments upon the strength of which I had secured favourable consideration when seeking my appointment. The fringe man was inexorable, and by way of personal tribute to the dignity of labour, he at once proceeded, with turned-up coat sleeves and perspiring brow, himself to load the truck with its precious cargo, whilst I guarded it at the street door. Later reflection has convinced me that, in the words of the reporter, all this was but the work of a minute, but at the time it seemed almost an eternity. At length, however, the order to march was given—my taskmaster, after giving me the minutest directions as to the route I was to take, announcing his intention of following on as soon as he had made his toilet.

The "Truck" Act.

I started, with a step more appropriate to a funeral mute than to one engaged in the proud occupation of "removing to larger and more convenient premises." Meditating mournfully upon the situation, I at length reached the corner of King St., where, in obedience to the command of the policeman regulating the traffic, I brought my truck to a temporary halt. I say "temporary" because, when passing the spot some thousands of times since, I have noticed that the truck no longer stands there. But that is the only justification I have for the expression. I had not pulled up more than a few moments, when who should pass by but my young legal friend—yes, deliberately pass by me, although there was not a doubt that our eyes had met. I felt at once that it was a time for action; for, unless I could satisfactorily explain away the compromising circumstances in which I stood, I knew that I could never hope for further recognition and social intercourse. A wild rush, and I was at the great one's side. He received me very coldly at first, but gradually relaxed as I explained how sorely I needed his legal advice. Could I be compelled to wheel the truck? What could be done with me if I left it? Was I entitled to hand it over to the policeman? These were amongst the questions which I excitedly dinned upon his legal tympanum. "Chuck it!" was his immediate and emphatic advice; and if, with childlike docility, I at once obeyed the injunction of my legal adviser, without pausing for an instant to consider its reasonableness, I have often since observed full-grown men do likewise. What became of the truck I have never ascertained; and I can only hope that the breach of the City By-laws which I must undoubtedly have committed is sufficiently remote in point of time to render this confession safe. My eyes were now turned towards the great profession of which I had heard so much; and so it came to pass that within a very short time I found myself in the legal establishment in Coleman Street already mentioned. It was not a very extensive one, the entire staff consisting of the Principal, his "Managing Clerk," and myself. But my experiences were certainly peculiar.

A Bad Start.

The worthy attorney spent most of his time in a state of maudlin intoxication, bewailing the paucity of his *clientele*, and ultimately succumbed to an attack of *delirium tremens*. The Managing Clerk, however, was a much more interesting individual, and will probably be identified by many when I say he was the gentleman who, years ago, was sentenced to a term of imprisonment with hard labour for having for several years levied and collected a bogus "County Rate" upon the guileless and unsuspecting citizens of London. Often had I wondered at the luxurious living of my immediate superior, and many a time had I speculated as to the princely stipend he must have been drawing from the tippling attorney, and how true, after all, my young friend's prophecies already appeared. And it was a rude shock indeed when, one afternoon, two gentlemen made their appearance upon the scene and requested our Managing Clerk to accompany them to the Guildhall. And this is how it all happened. It appears that once upon a time the City *had* to pay a County Rate, but that it had long been abolished. My legal colleague, however, came to the conclusion that City people were not quite so particular in these matters as suburban householders; and, upon the principle of doing the least harm to the greatest possible number, it occurred to him that he might secure, in one fell swoop, a princely fortune by re-levying the rate, and quietly decamping.

The Lenient Rate Collector.

It is a satire upon the astuteness of the City that the experiment proved so successful that, instead of making off with the first spoil, this daring individual actually took offices for the purposes of his scheme, where the Collector attended daily at certain stated hours, and from which address the usual Demand Notes, First and Second Notices, and all the other documents familiar to the ratepayer were regularly issued. Of course, there never was such a lenient Collector since rates and taxes were invented. Nobody was ever summoned, and needy citizens never applied in vain for an extension of time for payment. And so the game went merrily on from year to year until at length some accident occurred, and the City learned how hugely it had been hoaxed. Our practice was not of the most brilliant description; still, when, after the unhappy events I have narrated, I left the office in the spring of 1875, I had mastered the procedure of the Lord Mayor's Court, and could serve a writ, or swear an affidavit, with proficiency and despatch.

(A further instalment will appear next week.)

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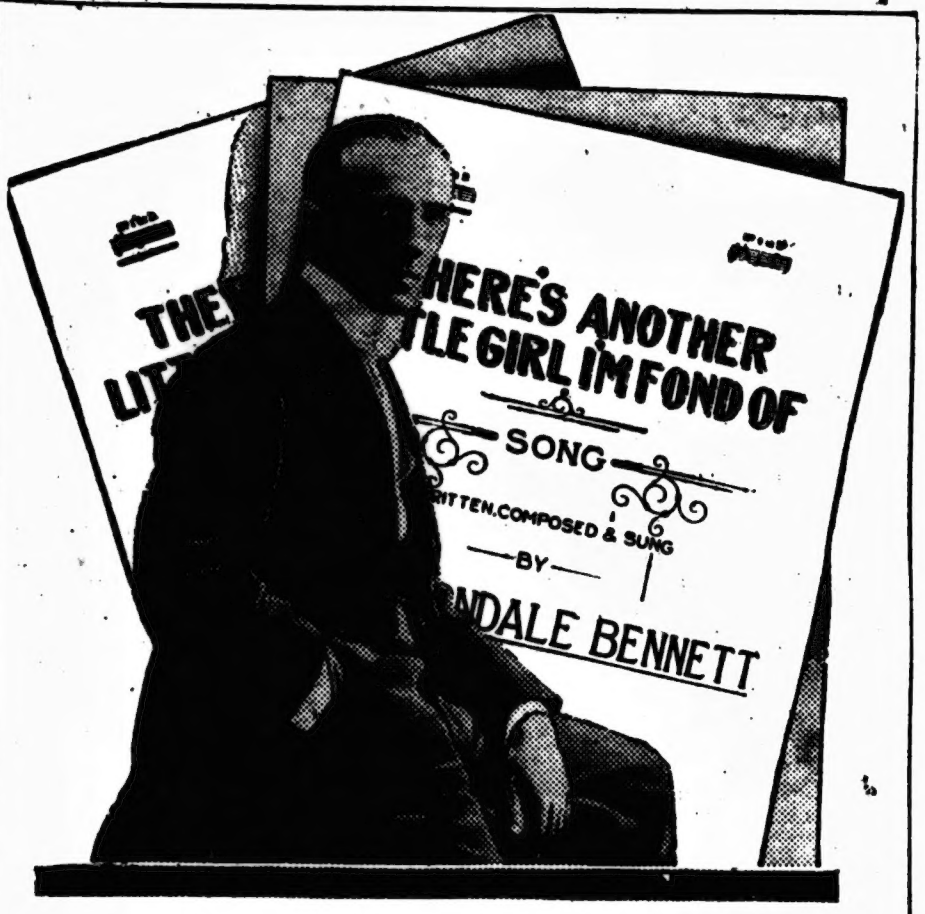

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To Rt. Hon. A. H. Illingworth, P.C., M.P., Postmaster-General.

DEAR "P.M.G.,"—How much longer are business and professional men to be irritated, aggravated, and seriously inconvenienced by the disgracefully illegible postmarks stamped in British Post Offices? So far as I can see there is nothing to excuse them, and therefore nothing to justify them. Every other Post Office in the world stamps them clearly; only the British Post Office thinks they serve their purpose if they are a messy blur. I would point out to you that not infrequently the postmark is a vitally important matter in correspondence, for its illegibility may mean the destruction of essential evidence. JOHN BULL.

To Mr. W. G. Moss, Greengrocer, Union Street, Torquay.

SIR,—You came off lightly at your local Police Court by being fined only 10s. for infringing the Food Prices Order. Affixing to prunes and apples labels stating that the controlled prices were 1s. 4d. and 9d. a lb. respectively, you omitted to comply with the regulation providing that where reference is made to a controlled price it must also be made clear that that price is the maximum. The omission to do this, a common enough offence, leads the public to believe that the Government has actually fixed a price below which goods may not be sold, instead of the figure being one which it is illegal to exceed—a very different matter.

JOHN BULL.

To His Worship the Mayor of East Ham (Councillor G. P. Dean).

DEAR MR. MAYOR,—I am very glad indeed to notice that, as a result of the deputation of discharged and demobilised sailors and soldiers who waited on the Council the other day, the borough's officials have been instructed to take a census of the number of empty houses. This census ought to be very useful when the proposals of the Minister of Health, in respect of houses kept vacant by greedy and parasitic landlords as a means of selling their property at exorbitant prices, are passed into law. It is to my mind very shocking that, while vacant houses by the score are to be seen in almost every large town, men who have risked life and limb in their country's battles are without homes for their wives and children. In these days such a state of things is intolerable and ought not to be permitted.

JOHN BULL.

To the Chairman of the Chertsey Bench.

SIR,—When the horrible case of George and Martha White, of Egham, came up for hearing, and evidence of their appalling cruelty to their four children was produced—which included the imprisonment for months, in a small and filthy room, of a crippled boy in a state of nakedness—the Bench over which you preside sentenced the convicted defendants to seven days' hard labour. Can you explain why such an absurdly lenient punishment was awarded for such an atrocious crime? JOHN BULL.

To the Rev. W. D. Clements, Vicar of St. Michael's and All Angels, Portsmouth.

DEAR PADRE,—I hear most excellent accounts of the good work which you are doing through your "Open House" Fund. You have opened your vicarage to all in need of rest, refreshment or recreation—from tramps to weary clergy; and your hospitality is especially appreciated by young sailors and demobilised out-of-work soldiers. Moreover, there is no class distinction between your guests, so that naval officers and able seamen combine to lend a hand in the "washing-up." If all padres exhibited your practical Christianity, there would be no occasion for the Churches to complain that they had lost their hold over the masses. JOHN BULL.

To A. S. Williams, Esq., Chief Constable, West Sussex.

SIR,—Many of the West Sussex police have done their bit in the war and done it well; and yet I find they are still subject to your arbitrary rule that no constable, in uniform or out of it, is entitled to refresh himself on licensed premises, even in his own time; in this respect the rights of his private citizenship are swept entirely away. Just take the case of P.C. Holden, of Goring-by-Sea, a man of 20 years' service. In private clothes, accompanied by a friend, he went on his rest day into a Worthing hotel, where he had a glass of beer. He was followed by his Superintendent, conducted to the police-station, and reported to you; and you, sir, not only fined him £2, but also ordered him to move into another part of the division at his own expense. A regulation which imposes such an unreasonable restraint and enforces it with such harsh penalty cannot be defended by any fair-minded citizen.

JOHN BULL.

To Captain John Litt, M.R.C.V.S., Ministry of Agriculture.

VALOROUS VET.!—I have read with horror the allegations made against you at Dereham Police Court, with respect to the slaughter of certain lambs suffering from foot-and-mouth disease. "The lambs were struck with a rammer and the carcases were thrown in a fire in an open field. Two were seen struggling in the flames." For this inhuman method of carrying out your duty you were fined £14 15s., including costs. Once more local Justices erred on the side of leniency. A stiff term of imprisonment would have suited your case more fitly, accompanied with dismissal from your soft job.

JOHN BULL.

To Mr. Henry Rothfield, Financial Agent, 57, Fern Avenue, Newcastle.

SIR,—I do not in the least sympathise with you because the Scottish Court of Appeal has declared the North British Railway Company to have been justified in excluding you from their Station Hotel, at Edinburgh, on the ground that your presence was an annoyance to other guests. The Company rightly objected to their premises being used habitually by a person whose "swaggering conspicuousness and self-advertising character" attracted so much attention, and were entitled to regard you in a different light from that of an ordinary traveller. Their desire to get rid of you was obviously due neither to your being a moneylender nor a Jew, but simply to your being an entirely undesirable person. JOHN BULL.

To the Chairman and Magistrates, Petty Sessions, Southwick, Sunderland.

DEAR PHARISEES,—The Manager of the Savoy Hall, Southwick, asked permission for a sacred concert on a Sunday evening. It was to benefit disabled men, the hospital, and St. Dunstan's. The patrons of the fund included the local clergy. You, Mr. Chairman, after consulting your smug colleagues, announced, "We don't think the object one for which a Sunday performance should be given, and we don't grant it." When I recall that the object was the relief of the maimed, the crippled, the sick, and the blind, I feel that a Sunday evening could never be devoted to a better cause. By glancing at it asquint, decrying it, and banning it, you brand yourselves as a Bench of snuffling Pecksniffs. JOHN BULL.

In the Barber's Chair - - - - - Archbishop Mannix.

Goo' mornin', your reverence. Wot kin I 'ave the pleasure? . . . *Shavin'?* Cert'n'y. P'r'aps you'll be good enough to occupy this 'ere pew. I don't 'ave many gents o' your clorth in 'ere, sir. As a matter o' fac', it's always bin a bit of a puzzle to me w'ere parsons an' priests *do* go to git their 'air cut. We know pretty well w'ere the flies go in the winter time, but w'ere the clergy goes for their 'air dressin' remains a bit of a mist'ry. Any'ow, there ain't many of 'em comes my way. I sh'd rawther like fur one o' them to, though; an' thet's this Archbishop Mannix of Australia, wot the papers 'ave bin makin' such a fuss about.

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Eh? *Me wish is gratified?* Wot, you're Mister Mannix 'imself? Well, I'm in luck's way, but I carn't say as *you* are. Becos' I'm goin' to tork plain, now I've got chew 'ere. First of all, wot do you mean by it? . . . *Mean by wot?* W'y, wot chew've bin up to in Australia an' America, tryin' to smash up the British Empire an' slarnderin' us to the Yanks? You're a priest o' God, ain't chew? Well, can you square your conduct with your religious duties? Didn't the Founder o' Christianity say: "Give unto Cæsar the things that are Cæsar's"?

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Very well, then: so fur as Ireland goes, the British Government, or rawther, the British Crown, is Cæsar; but you're incouragin' the rebel Irish to refuse their tribute, which, in my opinion, is a wicked thing wot'll lead to more bloodshed then wot 'as 'appened already . . . Wot, *a priest is justified in agitatin' for the political freedom o' the oppressed?* Can you prove to me thet the average Irishman 'asn't got as much liberty as wot *I* 'ave? W'y, in some respects 'e's got more! 'E was never conscripted, f'rinstance, like the Englishman. 'E was never messed about by "Dora." 'E wasn't rationed like wot we was! 'E could 'ave 'is Guinness's stout or drop o' w'isky w'en 'e wanted it! W'y, jurin' the 'ole years o' the wore 'e was about the freest party in the 'ole British Empire! P'r'aps you didn't know thet out in Australia? And I don't suppose the Yanks told you, eether. Give the Irish-American a charnce to trajooce England, and 'e'll do it with all the pleasure in life. Thet's w'y I'm inclined to think the Guv'ment 'ave made a mistake in stoppin' you from goin' to Ireland.

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P'r'aps if you 'ad a look at the state of affairs over there an' got a little first-'and information about the cold-blooded murders wot 'ave bin committed by Irish patriots, as they call themselves, you might alter your opinions. . . . Wot, *you intend to go despite the Government?* Well, it wouldn't surprise me if you do, but I should like to know 'ow you're goin' to do it.

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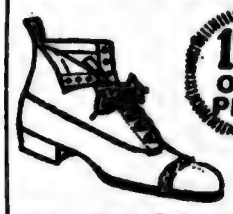

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THERE are, for all practical purposes, three organisations concerned with the interests of the ex-fighting men. They are the National Federation of Discharged and Demobilised Sailors and Soldiers, the Comrades of the Great War, and the National Union of Ex-Service Men. It is with the last-mentioned of these bodies that I am about to deal, but before doing so I should like to say that both the Comrades and the Federation are, to the best of my knowledge and information, above suspicion, being *bona-fide* associations with no ulterior purposes in view, and concerned solely with the interests of discharged and demobilised men. I have long wished that these two bodies could see their way to join forces, and thus constitute themselves into perhaps the most powerful combination in the kingdom, whose voice would have to be listened to by both politicians and press, and whose just demands could never be ignored. I believe there is some such scheme now on foot, and this fact may account for the desperate efforts at present being made by the Labour extremists to capture the Federation.

A "Bolshy" Association.

I should here explain that it is these extremists who are the people behind the third-mentioned body—the National Union of Ex-Service Men—an avowedly Bolshevist association, whose true character may be gathered from the following resolution, passed by the Executive Council a week or two ago:—"That in the opinion of this Council the joining of the Territorial Force or Special Constabulary should be considered as a repudiation of the spirit of the N.U. Ex-Service Men, and should disqualify a Territorial soldier or Special Constable from membership." I need scarcely say that the *Daily Herald* gives special prominence to the proceedings of this body, which boasts of 250 branches and a membership of over 300,000. That both these figures are false there is happily no doubt, but the fact remains that its membership is considerable, that its propaganda is subtle and that its mischievous activities are unceasing. Behind it are people like Lansbury, Ramsay Macdonald, Snowden, E. D. Morel, Fenner Brockway and Sylvia Pankhurst, and there can be no question that its object is to create the nucleus of a Red Army in Britain, preparatory to the general revolution for which it is working. I have before me an article written a few months ago—as a matter of fact, during the great railway strike—by Mr. A. E. Mander, the General Secretary of the Union, in which he says: "The issue between the workers and the exploiters has got to be fought out. Those who do the work of the world and those who live on profit, rent and interest can never again sit down in peace together. One class or the other must be decisively defeated." Anyone would think that employers and capitalists, and even those who "live on rent and interest," had stood aloof during the war, and that none of their homes had been devastated by bereavement!

"To The Day!"

I had hoped that one result of the glorious co-operation of all ranks would be the death of class-hatred and a better and lasting understanding between Capital and Labour. The National Union of Ex-Service Men thinks otherwise, and thus Mr. Mander goes on to say: "It is too late to begin to prepare for battle when the enemy is advancing to the attack. The only chance that the workers have of winning when the hour of decision comes is for them to get busy now. They must plan and prepare." And the article concludes with the old Hun slogan, "To the Day!" Of course all this nonsense is the outcome of the mischievous activities of men like Smillie and Williams, who were exposed in these columns several months ago. Indeed, I find Mr. Smillie writing to the Secretary of the Union last year saying: "On reading through your statement of aims and policy I feel myself thoroughly at one with you. I give you explicit assurance of my sympathy with the movement." And Mr. Smillie, you will remember, is the gentleman who, speaking at Manchester in 1917, at a meeting called "to commemorate and rejoice in the Russian Revolution," said: "The time is not far distant when revolutions of a similar kind will take place in every country in the world, and I hope a revolution will follow in Germany and England"—whilst a week later, at Newcastle, he asked, "Why not do what the Russian people have done?" Well, we know what they have done! So much for the objects and policy of the Union, and, having revealed them, I propose to show from evidence in my possession how its operations are conducted and incidentally how its importance and strength are exaggerated. I have in front of me several statements from past officials of the Union, together with a mass of other documents, and I want our ex-fighting men who at present may be hesitating before succumbing to the flattering temptation of the Bolshevist spider to enter his "parlour," carefully to study these things. If he will do that he will, I am sure, come to the conclusion that either the Comrades or the Federation is *his* protector. Need I say that in the course I am adopting I am actuated by no unfriendly feeling towards any movement *bona-fide* concerned with the welfare of the soldier? Indeed, I am oppressed with a deep sense of responsibility in this matter. I was the means of sending hundreds of thousands of men to the front, and I do not forget the promises which, in the name of the Government, I made them. Those promises I am doing, and shall continue to do, my best to have fulfilled. There is not a day when, through the Military Department of this journal and otherwise, I am not engaged in redressing grievances and securing for fighters their just rights. Indeed, I will undertake to say that even amongst the members of the National Union itself will be found many who are indebted to this paper for the remedying of various wrongs under which they were suffering. And in this work I shall continue. But I will not stand by and see the fighting men exploited for ulterior purposes. Let them combine to form one great organisation, and run a few candidates of their own at the next General Election—men who will take something more than what I will call the purely "trade" view, and who, whilst insisting upon the full redemption of pre-war pledges, will unite upon a programme of such political and social reform as will secure for the British Empire those better

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conditions of life in the attainment of which military victory was but an instrument. If the Comrades and the Federation will join together on such lines I can promise them that the goodwill and assistance of JOHN BULL will ever be at their command. Now let us look a little further into the inner working of this suspect National Union. Here is what one of the late officials tells me—the information being supplied quite voluntarily and without any approach on my part. In June last year, in consequence of an advertisement in the *Daily Herald*, he got in touch with the Union and agreed to form a local branch in the district where he resided. Later on he was appointed one of the Divisional Organisers. The new official got busy and soon had a few branches under weigh. About two months later he went and stayed with Mander, the General Secretary, and attended the Back Pay Conference at Caxton Hall, promoted by the Commonwealth League, and also an Organisers' Conference at their then offices, Broadway Chambers (described as "Labour Hall"), Ilford—although they now advertise their Headquarters as Town Hall Chambers, London, E.15 (Stratford). He then began to "smell a rat," as Carmichael, the President, was very evasive relative to membership, etc., whilst admitting that finance was bad, and telling him that the so-called "National Council" was of very little use. Dr. Dunstan, it appears, went down to Manchester to fight the by-election in October last at Rusholme, and our informant was asked to help him. It was during this period that he learnt sufficient about the finances of the Union to arouse his suspicions, and ultimately, to cause him to resign. The Union, he says, boasts that it has a membership roll of 320,000, and as members are supposed to pay twopence each per month, it would be interesting to know where these subscriptions—which should thus represent the vast sum of £30,000 a year—go to. For it

cannot pay its debts, though it could afford to send Mander and another delegate to Geneva to an International Conference of ex-Service men, and to defray his expenses of travelling up and down the country. Our correspondent winds up with an appeal to stop this exploitation of ex-Service men

Then the following letter from a firm of printers is interesting :—

> We consider that it is high time that something was done to stop the scandalous method of obtaining money from the men who, like the writer, fought and suffered in the defence of their country. Mander incurred debts with us for posters and handbills for Headquarters and branches to the extent of £41 14s. 6d. We succeeded in obtaining payment of rather less than half this amount, and entered proceedings for the recovery of the remainder. Judgment was given against the Union, but the bailiffs were unable to collect anything, and Mander repudiated all responsibility. He closed his account with his bankers and changed his private address, thus making recovery impossible. The amount of the judgment debt is £14 16s. 3d.—Mander failing to defend the case thus admitted liability. We would like to point out that, in view of the specious claims which we were foolish enough to credit at the time, we worked all items for the so-called Union at less than cost, our object being to show sympathy with a worthy cause.

And this is what another ex-official wrote to the General Secretary :—

> Dear Mander,—For the last month I have been laid up with a severe cold contracted in the Rusholme election. However, I am tired out with spending money out of my own pocket without any prospects of getting it back. Therefore I resign my position as Secretary and want to know *when* I am going to be repaid, not only for my trouble but for the various amounts I have expended from my own pocket. We heard a lot about the 22,000 additional members on our strength when you were at Sale last, and at twopence each per month it means money. But we see none, and naturally we desire to know where it is going to. I am absolutely "fed" and the printers are pressing me.

I have also received an interesting statement from one who was for a considerable period in the "inner circle" of the Union, in which he tells me that, about twelve months ago, several of the Executive members of the National Federation broke away because that body would not go over to the Labour Party. These men formed the first branch, at Ilford, of the National Union of Ex-Service Men. They desired that by its widespread organisation and influence it should justify its name, and were fortunate in finding in Messrs. Lansbury, Fenner Brockway, Ramsay Macdonald, Snowden and other persons of like opinion, ready financial help—Mr. Lansbury alone, so it was stated at Head Office, giving about £300. Brockway supplied a list of people who could be approached for money, and Ramsay Macdonald permitted his name to be used in the appeal, together with the statement that he considered it would be a tragedy if this ex-Service men's movement was hampered through lack of funds. In the case of rich Socialists specially-selected leaflets were also enclosed. It may be here mentioned that the Union built up its organisation by getting these ex-soldiers to believe that it could obtain for them six shillings a day back pay. What, however, they were really required for was to help the Bolshevists overthrow the Government. They were, in fact, to be the basis of the Red Army. Some time ago Sylvia Pankhurst drew up her own form of appeal, asking for money for the National Union, and she recently sent a circular to the various branches asking them to read the *Workers' Dreadnought*—the "official" Bolshy publication. E. D. Morel has, too, been in active correspondence with the Head Office, introducing an Austrian Socialist, who had just arrived here, and who, according to the notorious Secretary and Founder of the precious Union of Democratic Control, was much interested in the new Red Army movement. I may here say that the Union, so far from possessing 320,000 members has under 100,000. But it is a promising field for cultivation by revolutionary spirits in this country. The Socialist-Labour Party speakers organise meetings and lectures on Communism—the I.L.P. send literature free of cost—everything is being done to win over to this rebellious organisation ex-Service men in Trades Unions, Pensions Committees, and other bodies. Let the soldier beware!

The SILENT SUFFERERS

INTERESTING MEMORANDA FOR THE MIDDLE-CLASSES.

BEFORE the war the doctors attending the families belonging to the Gas Light and Coke Company's Medical Benefit Society received a flat rate of 7s. 6d. a family. Feeling that this rate was inadequate to-day, the doctors, to the number of some thirty, recently combined to ask for more, and have just been conceded a guinea. Union is strength among the gas-workers, and their medical attendants have now proved that it is the same in their case.

A Vicar's Burden.

For many years a country clergyman has been paying £15 a year on a mortgage, raised by a predecessor to provide for additions to the vicarage which the present incumbent does not use. £15 is not a large sum, but it means much out of an income of £250 a year, and in this case it's a son's schooling which suffers. The mortgagors are that wealthy body, Queen Anne's Bounty, which could well forgo the balance of the debt. Will they?

Rewards of Scholarship.

Educational posts demanding exceptional qualifications are not as a rule avenues to wealth. For its vacant assistant lectureship in classics the University of Birmingham is offering a miserable £250 a year—not £5 a week.

Sharps and Flats.

Hitherto, tenants of flats have paid a rent inclusive of rates, and have been unaffected by any rise in the expenditure of local authorities during the currency of their agreement. They are now being asked to pay rates in addition to increased rent, so that the Middle-Class men and women who formerly budgeted for their rent with the certainty that it would not exceed a given sum cannot now know the extent of their liabilities. If the new practice leads to a more active interest being taken in local affairs and the waste of the ratepayers' money, good may come out of evil.

Ex-Service Accountants.

Discharged soldiers for whom the Ministry of Labour arranges a course of instruction in Commercial Accountancy are paid £2 a week while training. This is a totally inadequate sum, since pensions automatically cease during tuition. No arrangements have been made for employment at the end of the course, so that the "trainees" may be forced to accept situations as ledger clerks at 30s. a week.

For the so-called "unqualified" chemists' assistants, the average rate of pay is considerably below £3 5s. a week, the modest minimum for which their newly-formed Trade Union is asking. Their work is both arduous and responsible, and as such deserves a living wage. Yet even the present small salary is not easy to get, in view of the prevailing practice of engaging boys and girls as apprentices, or to work at a few shillings a week under the supervision of a more responsible and experienced employee.

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Brawn—

A youth of 18, newly promoted, owing to the improved conditions of railwaymen, to the position of locomotive fireman, is earning from four to five pounds a week, the amount varying with overtime or otherwise. He had to go through the equivalent of a long apprenticeship, but he earned a living wage all the time, so that his parents did not have to support him while he learned his trade. Now his career is assured.

—and Brains.

Let us compare the case of our fortunate young fireman with that of another young man, ten years older. The war came just in time to prevent him passing his final examination as chartered accountant. He has now succeeded—at 28—in getting a post at six pounds a week; his future is by no means assured. It cost his parents £100 to have him articled to a firm in the first place, and during the time he was learning his trade he earned a mere nominal "salary."

Working for Nothing.

We have in mind, too, the case of a doctor, a profession which costs more in preliminary expenses than any other. Demobilised after the war, he has since been serving at a famous hospital—for nothing. It is all part of the apprenticeship. In time he may get a practice of his own, thus to earn by the hardest, most dangerous work of all, a scanty living.

There are still some employers who, while accepting the trade union membership of their handworkers as a matter of course, object to their clerical staff joining a union. Such objection is not always avowed; it may take the form of "sacking" union officials and organisers on some more or less specious plea. The remedy for this evil, is so to strengthen their organisation as to make such victimisation impossible.

Dearer Education.

Education is dearer, like everything else, but it is a burden borne in large measure by the Middle Classes. It is very heavy in the case of young ex-Service men who entered upon University courses on demobilisation in the belief that their Navy or Army grants would see them through with the addition of a small allowance from their parents. But a "small allowance" does not suffice in practice.

Shabby Treatment.

As the Government showed, by its conduct in the De Keyser's Hotel case, that it is not above seizing private property for war purposes and then trying to wriggle out of payment for its use, there is no need to be surprised at its pursuit of the same tactics with small folk owning two or three houses. Many of these not only cannot obtain rent for the period of occupation, but have even been summoned for payment of rates and taxes. Thus it is that those with small incomes who look to the rent on their house property to provide them with many of their modest comforts suffer a double injustice.

Penurious Pensioners.

"Will you kindly say a word," writes a correspondent, "for the pensioned bank clerk? Paid on a pre-war basis, receiving no bonuses, and not allowed to seek other employment, his lot is in many cases a hard one." We agree, especially as the dividends now being paid by the great joint stock banks render this niggardliness as inexcusable as the under-payment of their clerical staffs. The condition preventing such pensioners from eking out their small incomes by undertaking suitable work is arbitrary and indefensible.

[Letters dealing with the Middle Classes and all communications seeking advice in regard to "The Silent Sufferers," should bear, in the left-hand corner of the envelope, the initials "S.S."]

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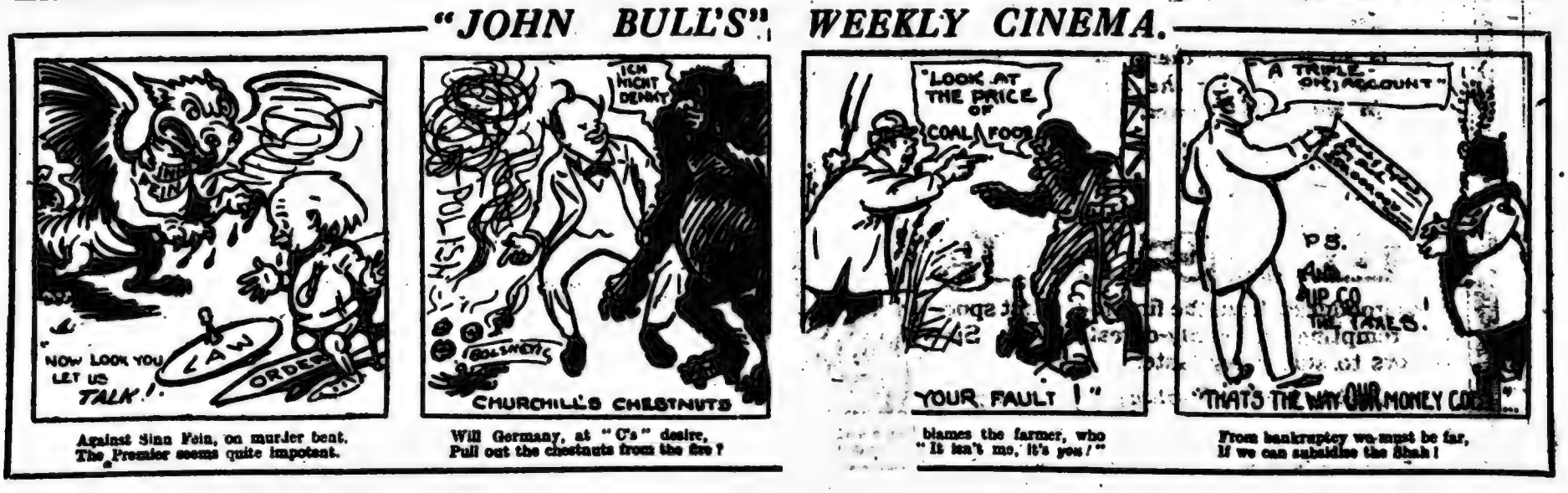

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The readers of "JOHN BULL" discuss matters of Public Interest.

Letters and postcards for this page must relate to public, as distinguished from personal, topics.

For short acknowledgments of other letters—selected from our general mail—see "Letter Bag," page 18.

Two Birds with One Stone.

If the thousands of girls and women in workshops to-day were replaced by ex-Service men we should get more marriages. Tommy will not marry while he is unemployed; women will not marry while they can earn money and be independent. This is causing the loss of two things the country wants: work for ex-Service men, and babies for the future Britain.—A. HOULT, Red Lane, Coventry.

"Rights" of the Soldier!

According to the view of the Solicitor-General, sustained by the Court, a soldier has no legal right to his pay. No contract at enlistment can be enforced against the Crown. This was the decision in a claim for arrears of payment and the petition was dismissed *with costs*. It would be interesting to know if a soldier has a legal right to *anything* but the sacrifice of his life!—(Mrs.) E. AYLING, Nazeing Common, Waltham Cross, Essex.

Garden Plots for the Poor.

In these days of shortened working hours, it would be a most politic step to extend the allotment system and provide the unfortunate inhabitants of the gardenless slums in our big towns with small plots. This might be done by giving municipal authorities the right to acquire the numerous tracts of waste land, and much uncultivated private land, to be found on the outskirts of every large township. If properly allotted, such plots would not only assist in the matter of food production, but also allay much of the present social unrest.—W. WESTRIPP, Norwich Road, Ipswich.

The Scout and School.

What is wrong with the education and training of our children, that there should be such lack of discipline at home and in many schools? It is a common error that children are "worse than they used to be." They are more intelligent, more impressionable and—since they have been less flogged—far less cruel. Yet school-teachers who successfully teach their pupils any amount of difficult lessons, seem unable by the same methods to teach the necessity for law and order. Let parents and teachers study the Scout system, which teaches young people to do right for right's sake—M. F. FRANCIS, Gladstone Road, Watford.

Five Guineas is paid to the writer of the most interesting letter. That amount has been sent to Mr. J. M. Gordon.

Squandermania.

Is it necessary to return to each man who served on any front during the Great War the "emergency Will" that he made out in his pay book? This is being done under registered cover with two typewritten slips, and an envelope enclosed, one slip to tell you that they have sent your Will, and the other one to be returned as receipt. What is the cost of the large staffs retained at Record Offices, and of the stationery, postage, etc., for this superfluous work?—W. C. HOBOBIN, Borowell, Kegworth, Derby.

British Beauty Spots.

We hear a lot of the beauties of Switzerland and all other countries outside Britain. Americans import to our shores kinema films, such as the "Marvels of the Universe," which boost American scenery. Our home country contains countless beauty spots, which many have little hope of seeing. Many can pay for entrance to kinemas who cannot afford to travel. If our British film producers would photograph this scenery, and produce it in a form similar to the "Marvels of the Universe" film, they would benefit not only themselves but the British public, and help them to appreciate more fully the loveliness of our old country.—JOHN M. GORDON, Castlereagh Street, Belfast.

Traps for Tiny Paddlers.

We are all familiar with the sight of the man who digs in the sand for bait. The holes he makes are veritable traps for young paddlers, who fail to observe them when the tide is in and get thoroughly soaked by the sudden increase in depth, risking the chance of a heavy cold at least, if not danger of drowning, in addition to the punishment meted out by mother for spoiling their clothes. I suggest that men making these holes should be required to replace the sand.—JOHN HUTTON, Crossgates, Fife.

How the Money Goes!

It is about time we taxpayers put a spoke in the wheel of our various Governmental spendthrifts! One of the latest moves is to appoint ten persons, at £1,000 each per year, to supervise the doctors doing their work under the National Health Insurance Act; while at the same time societies are only just scraping through with the meagre allowance they have to carry on the administrative work.—T. RICHARDS, St. Leonard's Hill, Edinburgh.

Commandeered—or Confiscated?

It is reported that the Third London General War Hospital at Wandsworth will probably be converted into Government offices. As this building (the R.V.P. Asylum) was erected by public subscription, to be a home for the orphan children of soldiers and sailors, but was lent to the Government as a hospital during the war, can the Government legally confiscate it for the accommodation of some of their big-wig officials?—H. C. CANSDALE, Sugden Road, S.W.11.

"The Higher the Fewer."

The travelling public might at least be treated with some respect by the railway companies as some justification for the increased railway fares. Yet at Carlisle, recently, one man only was in charge of all "left luggage"—both "delivery" and "withdrawal" sections. Some passengers had to stand before the window for an hour—many missed their trains altogether—and a regular free fight ensued among the angry people demanding their luggage, as their trains steamed out.—FRED J. TEMPLETON, Bagbie Barr, nr. Creetown, N.B.

Exploiting the Pensioner.

In this city, there is a section of the Labour Exchange finding employment for disabled ex-Service men. At the present time vacancies are advertised for postmen at the magnificent wage of 57s. per week. Unemployed disabled men, thinking "half a loaf better than none," make application, only to be informed that this cannot be considered *unless they are in receipt of a pension*. What an example to employers to find the Government filching the pension of the men who answered the call in the hour of need and suffered hardship and privation!—NORMAN ASHFORD, Sparkbrook, Birmingham.

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JOHN BULL IN THE CITY.

ADVICE TO INVESTORS.

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Erratic Exchanges.

Poland's pitiable plight has been mainly responsible for violent fluctuations in the foreign exchanges. An element of uncertainly, if not dread, has been introduced, and the nerves of the business world are not in good enough condition to stand the strain. Consequently the value of the sovereign in New York has fallen to less than 15s.

Speculative Elements.

Money is pouring into France and Belgium with the influx of tourists, and there was reason to hope that this would help to raise the value of the franc, instead of which there has been a sharp decline. On the other hand, the heavy shipments of cotton and grain from the United States has not yet commenced, and the exchange ought to have remained steady till nearer the end of the year.

Vallambrosa Rubber.

Thanks to a larger output, better average price realised and slightly lower costs, this company trebled its earnings last year and doubled the dividend at 125 per cent. Owing to the adoption of more restricted tapping methods a smaller output is estimated for the current year, but the benefit to the estate will accrue in due course.

Railway Yields.

Until the future of the railways, when they are handed back to the proprietors next year, is more clearly defined, the ordinary stocks must be regarded as speculative and few buyers nowadays are bold enough to take an interest in them. Investors, however, can get 6¼ per cent. and upwards on first-class debentures, while well secured preference stocks can be bought to yield 6½ to 6¾ per cent. It is scarcely conceivable that their position can be seriously threatened for any length of time, and at present prices they offer a very attractive lock up.

Double Stout.

Astonishing results are shown by Arthur Guinness Son & Co. for the year to June 30. Gross profits increased by £7,000,000 to £12,940,000, and of this, excise, etc., duties absorbed £9,500,000, or £5,800,000 more. Net profits amounted to £3,264,000, an increase of £1,210,000, but income tax and excess duty to 1½ millions, against £965,000. Altogether, therefore, the company's contributions to the State reached the enormous sum of £11,000,000. The dividend is raised from 16 per cent. to 20 per cent., absorbing a million against £800,000, and most of the balance is placed to reserves.

More Brewery Prosperity.

Watney, Combe shareholders are to be congratulated upon another successful year. That the brewery industry contributes very substantially to the National Revenue was brought home to them by the Chairman's statements that the Company distributed in interest and dividends some £600,000 a year, whilst their liability to the Government for taxes and duty amounted to over £4,000,000. What would the prohibitionists find to replace such contributions as this and Guinness' to the Exchequer?

A Nitrate Fusion.

The Liverpool Nitrate Company is one of the most prosperous in this section, as may be gathered from the fact that the 5s. shares have recently been quoted round 87s. It now proposes to absorb the San Lorenzo and Buena Ventura Companies, which will considerably enlarge the scope of its operations. San Lorenzo will receive one 5s. share for each £1 share, and Buena Ventura one 5s. share for every seven, plus a cash payment of 5s. per share. It seems a very fair arrangement.

(Financial Letter Bag is unavoidably held over, but correspondents enclosing the necessary fee are answered direct by post.)

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COMPANY MEETING.

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Presiding at the meeting of Watney Combe, Reid and Co., Ltd., on August 6th, Mr. H. Cosmo O. Bonsor said he thought they might all congratulate themselves on a good report and a good balance sheet in anxious and somewhat critical times. (Hear, hear.) There had been a very considerable turnover in the item of the Brewery buildings, freehold, leasehold, and other property, though the amount was very much the same as in last year's balance sheet. There had been a very active market in all property during the last twelve months, and the directors had seized the opportunity of realising the old freehold brewery premises in Castle Street, and the other freehold premises in Broad Street, Holborn. They had also sold some licensed houses in Birmingham, one in Chesterfield, and one in Bournemouth. The proceeds had been invested mostly in freehold licensed houses in London—the freeholds of a great number of their own houses held on short leases. They had thus secured them and their trade for all future time, making, at the same time, a sound investment. In trade investments there was a considerable increase, represented practically by the purchase of the Ordinary share capital of the Welch Ale Brewery in King's Road, Chelsea. That undertaking had eighty licensed houses in London, all in good position, and most of them doing a very good trade which would be a great adjunct to their own business. They proposed as soon as they could to absorb those houses into their own trade, and they had thus replaced twice, if not three times over, the barrelage lost by the sale of the Saffron Walden property, and properties in Birmingham, Chesterfield, and Bournemouth.

The balance sheet disclosed that a better profit had been made than in the previous year, and that a bigger dividend could have been paid. The position was, however, that whilst the company distributed in interest and dividends some £600,000 a year, they were faced at the moment with a liability to the Government of over £4,000,000 for beer duty, income tax, and excess profit duty, and corporation tax. A figure of that magnitude naturally made any board of directors err on the side of caution, and moreover it was early days yet to consider what effect the increase in the beer duty to 100s. per standard barrel would have on consumption. The first two months of the current year showed that their trade had fallen off, and the margin of profit on a pint of beer was exceedingly small.

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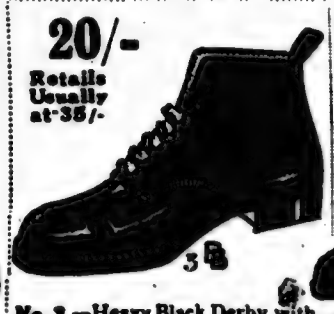

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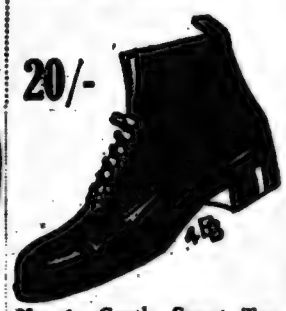

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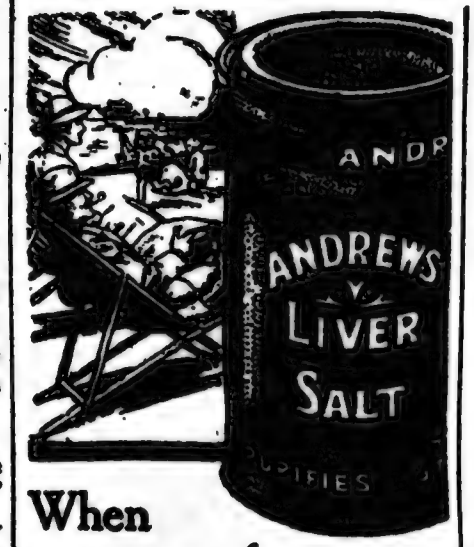

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OUR PLEDGE.—"No case of hardship or injustice, no instance of beggarly treatment or mean cheeseparing, shall go unchallenged or unremedied."—*Horatio Bottomley*, 19th August, 1916.

Indian Money.—The pay of the soldier in India has been increased. But why rush him 3 rupees to the pound on money orders, the commission three months ago being but 4 annas? Perhaps Mr. Montagu will tell us.

Where are the Subs?—From Bareilly we have a communication from the Queen's Regiment asking what becomes of the subscriptions to the Rifle and Games Clubs. From this distance we cannot tell, but the men are clearly entitled to a proper balance sheet.

The Deadlock.—Last week Lord Nelson bulged his remaining eye when he looked down and saw the large delegation of lower-deck men entering the Admiralty to demand their rights. We have now received a full statement of the claims put forward, and the results, and we congratulate Whitehall and the *lower* deck on the progress made. The wiping out of grievances that have been accumulating for 400 years is a big job; but it will be carried through.

Old Clo'!—With a blare of trumpets the War Office announced that they would pay for kit stored by the troops when the war started, and that was subsequently "lost." A Grenadier claimed for two tunics, three jackets and four pairs of trousers. He kept on writing for three months, and the other day was sent a postal draft for 1s. 8d. in full discharge! It didn't pay for his postage stamps.

"Retrenchment."—Some bright intellect has conceived the notion of materially reducing the staff of the Repatriation Department in St. James's Park, although an average of two hours' *overtime* is being worked there. Most of the outcasts are Badgers. It may be called retrenchment; but it looks uncommonly like an attempt to burden us with more overtime expenses.

A Respite.—The out-of-work donation is to be continued to about 160,000 Badgers for a few months longer. And then?

Midsummer!—Our Portsmouth Jacks are now on their 14 days' midsummer leave. If they don't believe it they may look at the almanack. But Jack is a boy who can stick all weathers.

Where to Apply.—Very many ex-Jacks ask us where they should apply for their prize money. The address is, Accountant-General to the Navy, Prize Branch, Cornwall House, Stamford Street, London, S.E.

From Dublin.—A line tells us that only Sinn Feiners are accepted for British Government service, the Badger being refused—particularly the postal service and largely the Dublin Castle staff. We knew it already. Hence the splendid intelligence department of the "Irish Republicans." We pay for it.

Whose Mistake?—In the little handbook given to each demobilised soldier is the statement that any man who has served for 14 years is entitled to a modified service pension for life. This error has caused a mountain of misunderstanding and much disappointment. The paragraph should have added, "if the 14-year man is in possession of a permanent disability pension"—which makes all the difference.

OUR DAILY "THANK YOU."

From W. H. G., Hadley, Salop.—"Through your good self I have been granted a life pension dating from my demobilisation last year. I take this opportunity, in thanking you for the interest you have shown in handling my case and obtaining the pension for me, to enclose £2 to be distributed at your discretion through your 'Greatest of These' Fund."

RACING NOTES.

The Autumn Double.

Better class horses have never been entered in the two popular Autumn Handicaps—the Cesarewitch and the Cambridgeshire. Very few are missing, Happy Man and Black Gauntlet being perhaps noteworthy. Taylor will have his usual strong hand to play in this race, just as Gilpin will in the Cambridgeshire. Those in search of the remunerative double might do worse than to bracket Kentish Cob (who runs a stone better horse at Newmarket than on any other course), Crevasse, Bracket, Tangiers, The Alder and Cheap Popularity in a series of doubles with Roman Bachelor, Ugly Duckling, Southern, Fancy Man and Golden Orb with a fair chance of hitting off the winners of both events.

WEEK'S SELECTIONS.

KEMPTON PARK—WEDNESDAY.
Greenwood Welter—*VALESCURE.
International Plate—CARIAMA.
Bedfont Handicap—TOM POWRIE.

KEMPTON PARK—THURSDAY.
Princess Welter—TETRARCHIA.
Maiden Plate—PLATO (if absent, ACLARS).
Round Course Handicap—*HARRIER.

WINDSOR—FRIDAY.
Flying Handicap—FLOWER DAY.
Castle Handicap—NAN SAN.
Clewer Plate—*LEIGHTON.

WINDSOR—SATURDAY.
Club Plate—HUNTRESS FILLY.
Windsor Summer H'cap—*RIDICULOUS.
Mendon Welter—FRAGOLA.

(We regret that, owing to paper shortage and the consequent temporary limitation in the size of this journal, it has been necessary to curtail materially our Sporting Notes. Readers, however, requiring fuller information should make a point of taking the "Sporting Life," which is now controlled by our proprietary.)

"The Greatest of These—"

(Registered under the War Charities Act as the JOHN BULL *War Sufferers' Fund.)*

Among the numerous cases we assisted during the week were the following:—

The Common Case:—An ex-soldier has a wife and three children, the woman being ill, the husband has tried the Labour Exchanges and works, but cannot find employment. The only income is a weekly pension of 12s. 8d.

A Broken Soldier:—One of our callers was an ex-soldier who had blistered his feet through tramping around looking for work. He has a wife and child who are ill and were ordered extra nourishment by the doctor. The income of the "home" is a weekly pension of 5s. 6d.

Shell-Shocked:—Another ex-soldier suffers from shell-shock, caused by the continual thundering of the guns night and day. He has a wife and four children, has been out of work for six months, and had sold his humble belongings to provide food for his family.

An Echo of the Raids:—We had presented to us the case of a widow who lost her first home through the air raids. She established another on the hire purchase system, but was in danger of losing it through not being able to pay the instalments. Her two young children are ill.

The Widow's Moan:—We had a call from a widow who at one time was in employment and had saved money. She is now ill, out of work, owing to slackness of trade, and her little savings have disappeared.

Woe's Monotonous Tale:—In this instance it was an ex-soldier who is unemployed. He has five youngsters under 12 years, and his wife is about to be confined again. His small out-of-work donation will soon be cut off.

OUR APPLICANTS AND OUR WORK.

We are glad to see that our "S.O.S." signals have resulted in increasing the number of supporters of our little Fund, which exists to give the maximum of assistance possible to the deserving poor—not only the families of those who served us on land and sea during the great struggle, but those who, through no fault of their own, are in the gutters, owing to the topsy turveydom of the labour market to-day.

We can boast that ours is practically the only Fund out to help the distressed which has not a host of "paid hands" who absorb a large proportion of the money subscribed. We simply ask our readers to send any amount, from a sixpence to a "Fisher" or more, to introduce sunshine where all at present is dark despair. A man who suffered the terrible privations of the battlefield, who did the super-man deeds that rolled the enemy of mankind back, comes home and is "invalided out" with a small pension, which would merely cover the ordinary man's weekly "smoke" bill. No work; nothing but semi-starvation; poor little kiddies ill-clothed and wondering *why* they cannot obtain adequate food, to say nothing about the little toys that babyhood hankers after.

During the war we struggled to bring sunshine into homes that were darkened, and, thanks to our generous readers, we were in a very large measure indeed successful. One of our rewards was a great sheaf of letters from men then in the field—very many of them are now in their graves—thanking us for our labours on behalf of their wives and children, and also thanking those of our readers who gave us such loyal support. As a sample of what war has done for our people, we take the case of a once very happy middle-class family. In August, 1914, the husband was at sea as a first officer, and there were three sons in professions. The three upstanding young men were killed—laid down their lives for us. The father took on war service and was invalided out. Recently he died, and now there remains—the widow. We have sent her help. She sadly, but patiently, awaits the time when all will be "joined-up" again.

[The object of our Fund is to relieve (a) distressed ex Soldiers and Sailors and their dependents, (b) suffering amongst the poor generally. No genuine appeal is ever refused, and although we see to it that adequate proof is presented in every case relieved, no harassing or degrading questions are put to applicants. Will you please help? All donations, gifts of clothing, etc., should be addressed to the Fund, at 93, Long Acre, London, W.C.2. All expenses of administration are borne by us.]

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MR. W. S. (Chesterfield).—"What can you expect from a 6½d. bazaar Coalition Government?" Money's worth. But you don't get it.

"EX-SOLDIER" (Everton).—"The men who fought . . . They get £1 a week so as not to make a disturbance." One view of the dole.

F. C. (Wickford).—"I am pleased to see your challenge against the preposterous claim of law-makers to be absolved from the consequences of their own acts." We feel a bit perky about it ourselves.

J. D. (Teddington) maintains that religious bitterness is the root of the trouble in Ireland, and that unsectarian schools would provide a remedy in time. May be something in that.

W. M. (London, S.E.).—We have already dealt repeatedly with the scandal of the Labour Exchanges, which do little more than provide jobs for bureaucrats.

"CONSTANT READER" (Maidstone).—"Put something in your paper for a man to marry his deceased brother's wife." If you mean widow, we have put it in a hundred times.

H. W. (Thornton Heath).—It is those who *do* understand politics who more frequently belong to no Party.

"PIP" (Winchester).—Yes, we *had* noticed that the Postmaster-General no longer issues his "orders," but his "commands." What the public wants is a little more Postmaster and a little less General.

"CONSTANT READEN" (Glasgow).—"It is a good thing we have a man like you to expose hypocrites." We fancy the said hypocrites would not agree.

S. J. L. (Richmond, Va.).—Your vivid description of the lynching of a negro by a Georgia mob filled us with horror. And the people who perpetrate these frightful crimes claim to lead civilisation in morality!

"A WOMAN VOTER."—"How much longer have we to put up with Eric Geddes?" Geddes knows!

"JOAN" (Stalbridge).—Impossible to reopen the case; certainly on the anonymous letter of one who appears to know nothing personally about it.

"EX-A.I.F." (South Australia).—"It would be a good thing if we had a 'speaking likeness' of you on this side of the world." The design is copyright in all countries.

"HARD-HIT."—"I should like to see Lord Buckmaster backed up with his Divorce Bill." And haven't we been bucking up Buckmaster?

W. B. G. (Consett).—Even to oblige you, we do not propose to worry over a pamphlet by E. D. Morel. We have heard of the gent before—and mention him again this week.

S. R. A. (Forest Gate) complains of the exacting driving tests to which old 'bus drivers are put at Scotland Yard before being passed for the new K. type of L.G.O.C. 'bus.

"DISGUSTED" (Canning Town).—As you "borrowed the £1 5s. fourteen years ago when work was bad," you can scarcely be surprised that they should inquire at intervals whether you can repay the money.

G. M. (Newcastle).—According to you, many married couples separate now because the man does not earn as much as his wife did on munitions, wherefore she jibs. But surely that is no proper ground for divorce?

J. C. (Chatham).—"A Bill through Parliament, in which every person should have a blood test, as a prevention against the spreading of a certain disease." You are sanguine—and sanguinary. But the great B.P. has been bled enough.

J. H. R. (Allahabad).—"It is a pity the Huns did not take India. It would have been ruled in a proper manner by them." The natives would have thought it a most improper manner.

W. J. M. & A. J. P. (Snowdon).—"After climbing 3,560 feet to the top, because it is but 4 p.m. we can only be served with tea." That's the height of absurdity.

MISS V. M. (Ryde).—"A wartime reformer called Dora, Swept obstacles quickly before her; She said 'Now awake, Some sacrifice make,' And that made some people abhor her."

H. N. (Westcliff-on-Sea).—Far from having the power to compel the Post Office to put you on the telephone, we sometimes cannot even get a connection!

"ONE OF LADY ASTOR'S VICTIMS" (Chelsea).—"I wonder if Lady Astor would like my last 14 years of loneliness and misery?" We suggest you write and ask her Ladyship.

J. S. & SON (Cambridge).—The "John Bull" Fish Shop, 121, Kingsway, W.C.2, is in no way connected with this journal.

W. H. B. (Leyton, E.).—An Earl who does not pay his domestic servants' board wages when due cannot properly be called a nobleman.

MRS. H. B. (Gloucester).—Your Scotch friend to the bragging Yankee: "Dae ye see thae power lums? Thae be somethin' ye havena got in America—fower distilleries, an' a' workin' owertime."

J. P. (Edinburgh).—"He's a big six-footer and built in proportion. Now then, Hales—but I beg pardon, you would want a man with a heart. This cur has none. He was a 'C.O.' at the time of the Great War." "Smiler" Hales wouldn't use him as a punching ball.

"CAPTAIN" (W. Dulwich).—"Lord Fisher is dead." News spreads.

"HONESTY" (Stratford).—"You have my admiration and thanks." With hand on heart, dear lady, we bow.

MISS T. (Bromwich).—"Insert this in your humorous column. I went to Skipton P.O., paid 1s. 2d. to telephone trunk call to my aunt, and all I heard was, 'Good gracious me'!" All we can say is, Good gracious us!

"INQUIRER" (Newcastle).—We are pleased to say Mr. Malaprop Brown came through the war without a scratch. His good lady threatens to renew her correspondence with us when the paper shortage is less acute.

C. W. A. (Andover).—Your silver three-ha'penny-bit dated 1843 would be worth about tuppence.

K. S. B. (Glasgow).—"They want Bonar Law to speak out. Now isn't this asking a lot: For how can he manage to shout When he's an unspeakable Scot"? What a saucy quip to come from Glasgow!

A. M. (Hurstpierpoint).—The delay that sometimes occurs before local post offices will honour money orders, owing to non-receipt of the "advice," is always inexcusable and sometimes damnably annoying.

J. S. (Worthing).—You tell us there are plenty of empty houses in Worthing, but only for sale. As proof, you indicate just one, at S mpting. Doesn't carry us far, that tip,

"A DISCHARGED SOLDIER" (Ilford).—"Ilford Food Office has been discharging staff by order; I am sorry to state they have discharged war widows and kept on married women and single girls." The same sad, shameful story everywhere.

MISS M. L. (Lowestoft).—"I have not told a soul about writing to you." And we won't split.

N. E. R.—Old servants of the N.E.R., nearly 50 years' service, get 10s. 5d. a week pension. They may well ask, What about Sir Eric's £50,000?

F. B. (West Newton).—Better to sleep in a clean stable than in a condemned house; but it's rough on mother.

"YOUNG AUTHOR" (Balham).—Authors usually issue their work serially in the columns of some popular journal, and then publish it in volume form. However, the eminent writers of the new cheap Odhams series of JOHN BULL and EVERYWOMAN'S Novels placed their work upon the market complete.

W. G. W. (West Kirby).—"In the year 1814 your countrymen were told, at the point of the sword, that Scotland never would be included in England." Are we never to hear the last of it?

MISS M. W. W. (W.).—Notting Hill Gate Post Office closed one minute before time, just when you cherished a laudable hankering after a P.O. for "Bullets." They would probably say their clock was too slow—or that you were.

"SCOT" (Dundee).—Gang awa', laddie, an' pit yer bawbees in yer money box.

"CURIOUS" (London).—Amariah is certainly "not a common Christian name." In fact, it isn't a Christian name at all. It is Hebrew, and means "Jehovah's promised."

"SILVER BADGE" (Dorchester).—Stick to your job till you can find a better. Half a loaf is better than a loafer.

"PEDLAR OF THOUGHTS" (Devon) sends us several threepenny-pieces for our "Greatest of These" Fund, and writes: "A threepenny piece will do a lot, Will help to fill an empty pot, A coin so small you never know, Send to JOHN BULL and watch it grow."

R. D. (Carron-on-Spey).—The Moray Education Authority must be very Scotch and very early-Victorian to have turned down an applicant for a headmastership because he was seen smoking a cigarette.

"JILTED" (Risalpur, India), tells us that 29 men of the First Troop, "B" Squadron, 5th Royal Irish Lancers, serving on the N.W. Frontier, have been jilted by their girls at home. Another Irish grievance.

"ONLOOKER" (Sanderstead).—It must have strained your brain pretty severely to work out a connection between high railway fares and the fees paid to vocalists.

H. H. S. (Croydon).—As you say, "Dear Old Croydon!" Seems about as dear as anything going.

MR. J. G. CHIPCHASE (Tubwell Row, Darlington) informs us, in reference to a recent paragraph, that he is in no way related to or associated with, the C. Chipchase of that address upon whose circular to landlords we recently commented.

"BOLSHY" (Kennington).—"My proper place is on a platform." With a drop under it?

MRS. S. S. (London, W.).—We have frequently exposed the fraudulent methods of certain domestic servants' employment agencies. No one should pay them fees in advance.

"A LEEDS JOINER" (Holbeck).—At a Leeds drapery store your daughter was given a sovereign, instead of a halfpenny, in her change. When she returned the "quid," the manager punctiliously handed over a halfpenny in exchange. Blessed is she who expecteth nothing, for she shall not be disappointed.

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FOR ALL NERVE TROUBLES send postcard for free sample of Curacos—the Liquid Nerve Tonic—to Curacos Co., (Sec. 2), Elm Grove, London, S.E.15.

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BOOTS.—4s. saved. Buy direct from our Northampton Factory. Gents', Ladies' and Children's Boots. Send for Catalogue.—John Emmett, Ltd., Dept. 7, Northampton.

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WHY BUY WRITING PADS? Loose sheets ruled blank paper, 8 by 10, 240 2/6, 480 4/6, post free, U.K. Samples free Bolton, 44, Stonegate, King's Lynn.

DRAWING.—You can learn every kind of Drawing, including Caricaturing, Advertising and Cartoon work, by Correspondence. Send a postcard for illustrated Drawing prospectus to Percy V. Bradshaw, Principal, Press Art School, Pro-pectus Dept., 8, Tudor Hall, Forest Hill, S.E.23.

SKILLED TRADESMEN required for Electrical Services Works Company. Power Station Engineers, Shift Engineers, Engine Drivers, Dynamo and Switchboard Attendants, also Clerks. Pay: 3/- to 5/6 a day on joining. PERIOD OF SERVICE: 4 years' Regular Air Force Service, no reserve service. Age: 18 to 28 and for ex-Service men 18 to 38. For conditions of service, Separation Allowance, etc., call or write to INSPECTOR OF RECRUITING, Royal Air Force, 4, Henrietta Street, W.C.2.

WE BUY ANYTHING.—Cash by return post for parcels sent to us. Carriage refunded. Buyers sent. O. C. T., 9, Davis Mansions, Aldgate, E.1.

CLEARANCE SALE.—450 Guinea Hairculters, 2/11 each. Piano Instructor, Vamp and Play by ear, 1/6. Gabriel, 78, Hackford Road, London, S.W.9.

GOOD SPARE-TIME AGENCY.—Applications invited from respectable working men in regular employment to supply Boots, Suits, Drapery, Watches and Jewellery for cash or credit. Liberal supply of Samples. Commission, highest paid. Apply, Freeman, Contractors, H.M. Government, Lavender Hill, London.

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THE "JOHN BULL" GUARANTEE. *We guarantee the goods advertised by every trade announcement appears in* JOHN BULL, *i.e., we hold ourselves responsible for any wilful misrepresentation of the quality and standard represented at the time of purchase and the date of delivery, of the quality and standard represented at the time of purchase and the date of their receipt, either in full or of first instalment, and if any reader can show just cause for dissatisfaction with the purchase of any goods made through any trade advertisement in our columns, we will refund the purchase money, provided the goods complained of are sent to us within one month from the date of original purchase. All communications should be addressed to* JOHN BULL, *Advertisement Department, 93, Long Acre, London, W.C.2.*

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LARGE SIZE BOTTLE, 6/-

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STEPHEN SMITH & CO., LTD., BOW, LONDON, E.3. 63

"KIRBEE"
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4/- BOX: POST FREE
MONKEY
ROTARY STROP
STROPS ANY MAKE OF SAFETY RAZOR BLADE LIKE NEW, IN TEN SECONDS. JUST DROP BLADE IN SLOT AND TURN HANDLE. THAT'S ALL. NO ADJUSTMENTS. NO SKILL. NO DUDS.

PRICE POST FREE 5/-

You can try the Monkey Strop free for 7 days. If for any reason whatever you don't like it send it back and we will return you 5/- in full

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The Monkey Strop is made by the same firm as the Douglas Pruner, the famous self haircutter (price 5/6) of which 20,000 are now in use in Great Britain. You can try it on the same terms as the Monkey Strop.

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Slough Trading Co., Ltd., Slough, Bucks.

A SPECIAL SALE
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Motor-Cycle Spares and Accessories.

On view from Aug. 12th.

A very large quantity of unused and second-hand Motor Cycle Spares and Accessories have been released for sale. These will be on sale from August 16 to August 28. Among the many types to be offered are the following:—

P. & M.	Indian	Enfield
Triumph	Rover	J.A.P.
Matchless	Douglas	Ariel
Rudge	Royal Ruby	A.J.S.
Sunbeam	Clyno	Campion
Zenith	B.S.A.	Norton
Scott	Humber	Bradbury

These will be on view daily from Aug. 12th.: 9 a.m. to 12.30 p.m.; 1.30 p.m to 4.30 p.m. Saturday: 9 a.m. to 12.30 p.m.

At the Motor Cycle Store, Slough Trading Company, Ltd., Slough, Bucks.

No sale can be effected before August 16, after which date demands for Spares will be immediately dealt with.

These Spares will be offered at special bargain prices. Single items can be purchased. Special discounts will be allowed to large purchasers varying in proportion to the quantities taken.

All communications to be addressed to:—**The General Manager (Sales), SLOUGH TRADING Co., Ltd., Slough Depot, Slough, Bucks.**

Handy, Light and Keen—
A pleasure to use.
Booklet on Shaving free on request.
Of all Cutlers or
Mab
BLACK 4/6 IVORY 9/6
Has a 95 years' reputation
"MAB" CO., 72D, Newhall Street, BIRMINGHAM.

CLOTHES BY EASY PAYMENTS.

You can have your suit made to measure—get it at manufacturer's prices—and pay for it by instalments. You pay the same price exactly as if you paid in one sum. You give a small deposit when placing the order and the cloth is set aside for you, thus ensuring you against rising costs. Upon completion of payments you receive your suit. You select your material from our wide range of patterns—the suit is cut in whatever style you wish—and there are no extras.

Write to-day for full particulars, patterns and measurement form to the Direct Tailoring Co. (Dept. J.B.), 139, Newington Causeway, London, S.E.

Backward children.

If you have a child that is not thriving, the greatest food help that you can give is Benger's.

Benger's Food is always prepared with fresh new milk, nature's greatest food for growing children.

BENGER'S Food

helps the digestion of the milk; changing it into a highly nutritious food cream which children greatly enjoy.

An extra meal of Benger's twice a day, mid-morning and bed-time, has, by Doctor's recommendation, helped thousands of weakly children to robust health.

Benger's Food is sold in tins by Chemists, etc., everywhere. Prices 1/6, 2/6, 4/6 & 9/-.

Benger's booklet is full of help for anxious parents. Write for a free copy to-day.

BENGER'S FOOD, LTD., ... Otter Works, MANCHESTER.

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LAST TWO WEEKS of Holiday Prizes!

HOW TO MAKE "BULLETS."

First choose any of the Thirty-two examples given below. Then give **TWO, THREE** or **FOUR** words having some bearing on the example chosen. Any **ONE** of the words selected must begin with any letter in the example chosen. The other words selected can begin with any letters in the alphabet. This example will guide you:—
Example:—FAIR FIGHT. Bullet:—FOR SEAT IN PARLIAMENT. Competitors may send in two BULLETS for sixpence. If more coupons are used, an entry fee at the rate of 6d. for each coupon must be sent. Result of this Competition will be found in our issue dated September 4th.

LIST OF EXAMPLES FOR "BULLETS" COMPETITION No. 385.

WHAT PEOPLE ARE SAYING	THE NEXT CONFERENCE	WISE HUSBAND	HOLIDAY LOVERS
SLOW GIRL	WELCOME	FINGER IN PIE	BATHING
HELPING HAND	WON'T DO HERE	A MISFIT	IN THE KNOW
DANGEROUS MAN	NEVER FAILING	MOTHER'S ADVICE	MATTER OF MOMENT
NO CREDIT	PERFECT TERROR	CAUGHT OUT	EVERY LITTLE HELPS
FIRED	TAKEN FOR GRANTED	SIMPLY A DREAM	KEEPING HOUSE
RETIRING	MOST COMFORTING WHEN	PAST AND PRESENT	EASY GOING
FULL UP	NEVER WORKS	NOT TO BE FOUND	HAND IN GLOVE

No. _____ Closing Date, Thursday, August 19th.
Example _____
Bullet _____
Example _____
Bullet _____
(385) P.O. No. _____ Signed _____
I agree to enter this Competition in accordance with the rules and conditions announced on this page. Address _____
If 1 coupon is used P.O. for 6d. must be sent.

☞ If unable to secure extra coupons you can write your "Bullets" on plain paper.

No. _____ Closing Date, Thursday, August 19th.
Example _____
Bullet _____
Example _____
Bullet _____
(385) P.O. No. _____ Signed _____
I agree to enter this Competition in accordance with the rules and conditions announced on this page. Address _____
If 2 coupons are used P.O. for 1/- must be sent.

Envelopes should be marked "Bullets" No. 385, "John Bull," Long Acre, London, W.C.2.

No. _____ Closing Date, Thursday, August 19th.
Example _____
Bullet _____
Example _____
Bullet _____
(385) P.O. No. _____ Signed _____
I agree to enter this Competition in accordance with the rules and conditions announced on this page. Address _____
If 3 coupons are used P.O. for 1/6 must be sent.

No. _____ Closing Date, Thursday, August 19th.
Example _____
Bullet _____
Example _____
Bullet _____
(385) P.O. No. _____ Signed _____
I agree to enter this Competition in accordance with the rules and conditions announced on this page. Address _____
If 4 coupons are used P.O. for 2/- must be sent.

Selection of Examples for "Bullets" Competition No. 386.

WISE EMPLOYER—FORGETTING HIMSELF—A WARM WELCOME—POVERTY—ALSO RAN—KEEPING THE PEACE—BAD EXAMPLE—ORDER OF THE BOOT—BECOMING WIFE—SEASIDE TRIPPERS—MAN OF NOTE—HOLIDAY LUGGAGE—OVERDONE—COMING BACK—SAVES TROUBLE—CHEERING—NOT YET—HELPING HIMSELF—UNWELCOME—ON THE MAT.

These examples can be made use of on the coupons above and must reach us on or before **THURSDAY, August 26th.** All coupons so used **MUST** be clearly marked with the number **386** in the top left-hand corner, and envelopes containing these coupons must be addressed "Bullets" No. 386, "John Bull," Long Acre, London, W.C.2. Such coupons must not contain any of the Thirty two examples for Competition 385.

Result of 383rd 'Bullets' Competition

FIRST PRIZE OF £250:

Mr. J. P. BROWNING, 13, Nigel Road, Peckham Rye, S.E. 15.
Example:—TRUE PATRIOT.
Bullet:—SHOULDERED—THEN COLD-SHOULDERED.

SECOND PRIZE OF £25:

Mr. F. E. WRIGHT, 73, Station Road, Rochill.
Example:—LABOUR EXCHANGES.
Bullet:—"LANGUAGE INSTITUTES" FOR UNEMPLOYED

THIRD PRIZE OF £15:

Mrs. HENSON, 127, Strathmore Crest, Newcastle-on-Tyne.
Example:—THE GOODS.
Bullet:—NAIG RECOMMENDS—TRY THEM.

10 Holiday Prizes of £10 each:

MR. W. LUCKETT, 31, Collingwood Road, Southsea: PEEPING TOM—PREFERABLE TO "SPYING FRITZ."
MR. A. HAGUE, 109, New Road Side, Horsforth, Leeds: MORE OR LESS—GOVERNMENT'S "THICK" WITH SPENDTHRIFTS.
MR. K. BARLOW, Fern Mount, Hampton-in-Arden, Warwick: TRUE PATRIOT—IN IRELAND, THE PACIFIST.
MR. B. W. LANDRY, 101, Union Street, Plymouth: MARCHING ORDERS—OFTEN UPSET "EASY GOING."
MR. C. MURRAY, 31, Royal Cottages, Mardy, Glam.: HARDLY USED—TO DEMOCRACY, GERMANY YET.
MISS VERA STEWART, 102, Yarborough Road, Lincoln: POOR SHOW—PROFITS, UNTIL CAPITAL WANTED.
MR. E. J. NEWBATT, 27, Clitheroe Road, Clapham Rise, S.W.: MAKING HAY—MANY BUT FOR CHANCELLOR.
MR. J. BARNES, The Poplars, Parbold, near Wigan: ALL AT SEA—ALLIES "FISHING" FOR INDEMNITIES
MR. A. MITCHELL, 5, Avenue Street, Bolton: POOR SHOW—LIMELIGHT ONLY MADE WORSE.
MR. F. TOPPING, 71, Broad Oak Road Pass, St. Helens, Lancs.: THE GOODS—LET BOTTOMLEY LABEL THEM.

10 Holiday Prizes of £5 each:

MR. E. FOLEY, 24, Mitford Street, Queen's Park, Manchester: MORE OR LESS—GERMANY STILL "A POWER."
MR. C. G. FRENCH, 50, Princes Avenue, Finchley, N. 3: LOSING THE PEACE—STOP "FOR WORLD'S SAKE."
NURSE DUNS, "Myassa," Liverpool Gardens, Worthing RIGHT DRESS—A "REVELATION" THESE DAYS.
MR. F. DODD, 1, Park Hill Road, Harborne, Birmingham: LABOUR EXCHANGES—MERELY PLAYING AT "SHOPS."
MR. E. D. BROWN, 4, Lysons Road, Aldershot: SEASIDE BOARDING-HOUSE—NOT A "LUXURY BUILDING."
MR. J. HELLIWELL, 43, Emscote Grove, Halifax: HARDLY USED—WAR CHARITIES—JUDGING SURPLUS
MR. B. WILSON, 28, Wesley Road, Southend-on-Sea: AT A LOSS—IT'S BEST TO "CUT."
MR. L. BOND, Box Villa, Maybank Road, South Woodford: IN THE SWIM—DUDS FLOAT INTO PARLIAMENT.
MR. W. ASH, 103, Rendlesham Road, Clapton: A PRETTY PICTURE—GERMANY "TURNED UPSIDE DOWN."
MR. F. J. BRAMWELL, c.o. J. B. Farmer, Queen's Road, Evesham: MORE OR LESS—EVERYBODY WON THE WAR.

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Complete List of all Cash and Other Prizewinners can be seen at the Offices of "John Bull."

BULLETS RULES.

1. The First Prize will be awarded for what, in the opinion of the Judges, in consultation with the Editor, is the best "Bullet" received, and the other prizes in order of merit, the test being cleverness, aptness and originality.
2. Bullets must be plainly written on one of the coupons, and only two attempts may be written on each coupon.
3. All four coupons may be used, but each coupon must be accompanied by a postal order for 6d. made payable to JOHN BULL and crossed _____ and Co. Competitors must write their names and addresses and the date of sending the order on the back of the postal order, the number of which must be duly noted on the coupon submitted. Coupons must not be mutilated.
4. All coupons arriving too late to be judged with absolute thoroughness will be duly returned.
5. The Editor undertakes that every Bullet received shall have careful consideration by a competent staff of qualified judges.
6. The Editor's decision on any matter of dispute arising in connection with this competition must be accepted as final and legally binding in all respects, and acceptance of this rule is an express condition of entry.

THE JOHN BULL GREAT FREE FIRE INSURANCE

COVERING ALL RISKS BY FIRE TO HOME, LIFE & LIMB.

UNDER this most unique FREE INSURANCE OFFER anyone above the age of 10 can be insured irrespective of sex. The premium charged by any Fire and Accident Insurance Company to relieve similar hazards would certainly exceed 5s. per annum. You get it in your absolutely free.

We have made our Insurance as simple and comprehensive as possible, and shall not bother about any "Legal representative" or "next of kin." Claims will be paid to the registered reader, who must personally sign the coupon, or to the person nominated thereon, and to no one else.

A separate coupon must be filled up in respect to each person to be insured.

This offer applies only to persons residing in, and property situated in, England, Scotland, and Wales.

The full conditions governing this scheme will be published in the first issue of each month.

WHAT WE WILL PAY:

For Damage to contents of Home by Fire up to	£200
In case of Death directly due to Fire at Registered Reader's home	£200
For the Loss of Two Limbs or Both Eyes, or One Limb and One Eye	£200
For the Loss of One Limb or One Eye ..	£100
Medical Fees for Injuries not proving fatal but incapacitating the injured person from following his, or her, employment, up to ..	£10
In the event of a Temporary Total Disablement up to 13 weeks..	£1 per week

ALREADY PAID 350 CLAIMS

FULL CONDITIONS.

This offer applies only to persons over 10 years and residing in, and property situated in, England, Scotland, and Wales.

Any number of persons in one family may be separately insured provided an order for JOHN BULL is placed and a registration form is forwarded in respect of each person.

Claims, which must be confined to one of the benefits, must be received by us within three days of the loss or damage, and in the case of death, such death must occur within thirty days, and as a direct and sole result of the injury.

Payment will be made subject to any rights which the claimant may have or acquire against, or under, any other Insurance, Scheme, Company, or otherwise, and the Proprietors of JOHN BULL shall not be liable until the registered reader has exhausted his or her right under such insurance.

This offer applies only to the dwelling-houses, apartments, or dwelling-rooms attached to business premises of the registered reader, but not to business premises or stock-in-trade.

We reserve to ourselves the right to limit our total payments under this scheme to £10,000, and to discontinue, or make any variation of this offer by the publication of notice in JOHN BULL. The decision of the Proprietors of JOHN BULL upon all questions shall be final.

In order to safeguard ourselves it is stipulated that a fire will not be recognised as such unless a call has been made upon the local Fire Brigade or appliance.

Owing to lack of space, the Newsagents' Order Form and Readers' Registration Form is held over, but will again appear in next week's issue.

GRAND OPENING FOOTBALL COMPETITION £1,000 MUST BE WON

For a CORRECT or Nearest Correct Forecast

NO ENTRANCE FEE! NO GOALS REQUIRED!

THE SUM OF £1,000 WILL BE PAID TO THE SENDER OF A COUPON CONTAINING THE CORRECT RESULTS OF THE 14 MATCHES GIVEN. IF 14 CORRECT RESULTS ARE NOT GIVEN, THE £1,000 WILL BE AWARDED TO THE SENDER OF MOST CORRECT RESULTS.

In any event the £1,000 MUST BE WON. This is the largest Football Prize offered by any paper.

THIS COMPETITION IS EXCLUSIVE TO "JOHN BULL,"

and coupons do not appear in any other paper. There is no entrance fee of any kind. Scottish and Irish readers can compete. We would advise competitors to make a careful study of football form before filling in their coupons. Competitors can send as many coupons as they like.

READ THESE RULES CAREFULLY.

(1) All attempts must be made on coupons taken from the issues of JOHN BULL announcing this Competition. Coupons must be completely filled up in ink in ordinary handwriting (typewriting or pencil will not be allowed), and in accordance with the instructions given on this page.

(2) The sum of £1,000 (One Thousand Pounds) will be paid to the competitor sending a coupon containing the correct results of all the matches played to a finish. If no competitor succeeds in giving all the correct results, the sum of £1,000 will be paid to the competitor sending a coupon with most correct results. In the event of a tie or ties, the prize to be won will be equally divided amongst the successful competitors. No competitor can receive more than one share of the £1,000. Should any match not be played to a finish on the date given, or as set out on coupon, it will be disregarded.

(3) Fourteen crosses in all must be marked on each coupon, one for each match. Coupons marked otherwise will be disqualified.

(4) No responsibility will be accepted by the Editor for the loss or non-delivery of any coupon. Proof of posting will not be accepted as proof of delivery or receipt. No correspondence will be entered into, nor will interviews be granted.

(5) Any coupon on which an alteration of any kind has been made will be disqualified. Any coupons received later than August 26th will be disqualified.

(6) The Editor's decision must be accepted as final and legally binding in all matters concerning this Competition, and acceptance of this rule is an express condition of entry.

HOW TO FILL UP YOUR COUPONS.

If you think the "Home" team will win, place a X in the column headed "Home"; if you think the "Away" team will win, place a X in the column headed "Away"; if you think the result will be a Draw, place a X in the column headed "Draw." **Only one X must be entered for each Match.** Coupons must be completely filled up in ink.

Cut out Coupon neatly and address all entries as follows: **Football Competition No. 1, "JOHN BULL," 25, Floral Street, Covent Garden, London, W.C.2.** Write "Football" in top left-hand corner of envelope. All coupons can be enclosed in one envelope, but this must not contain entries for other Competitions.

COMPETITORS MAY SEND AS MANY COUPONS AS THEY LIKE.

"JOHN BULL" FREE FOOTBALL COUPON.

Matches to be played on Saturday, August 28th. Coupons must reach us not later than Thursday, August 26th.

Home Team.		Away Team.	Home	Away	Draw
Manchester U.	v.	Bolton Wan.			
Newcastle Utd.	v.	West Brom. Albion			
Middlesbrough	v.	Oldham Ath.			
Preston N.E.	v.	Huddersfield T.			
Sheffield United	v.	Sunderland			
Bury	v.	Blackpool			
Clapton Orient	v.	Leicester City			
Notts Forest	v.	Stoke			
South Shields	v.	Birmingham			
Stockport C.	v.	Cardiff City			
Newport County	v.	Reading			
Grimsby Town	v.	Northampton			
Queen's P.R.	v.	Watford			
Southend Utd.	v.	Brighton & H.A.			

☞ **Coupons must be cut—not torn out.**

I enter "John Bull" Football Competition in accordance with the rules and conditions on this page and agree to accept the Editor's decision as final and legally binding, and enter on that understanding.

(1) SIGNED .....

ADDRESS .....

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20 "Bullets" Holiday Prizewinners of £2 10s. each (Continued from opposite page).

AINLEY, R. T., 177, Wednesbury Rd., Pleck, Walsall.
AIRD, R., 53, Airlie Gardens, Hyndland, Glasgow.
BIGNELL, G., 73, St. Marks Rd., Easton, Bristol.
BECKLEY, H., 261, Neville Road, Upton Park, E.7.
DUMMETT, J., 7, North Street, Exeter.
DINES, E. W., Broughton, nr. Kettering, Northants.
EVANS, W. A., Cae Mawr, Morriston, Swansea.
GARTON, R. C., 7, Guestling Road, Eastbourne.
HIRONS, W., 115, Long Street, Atherstone, War'shire.
HOWARD, J., 29, Walmsley Rd., Broadstairs, Kent.
MELLOR, H., "Greenbank," Lymm, Cheshire.
MASON, H., 15, Wyndham Road, Salisbury.
NORMAN, J., 82, Ayrecome St., Middlesbrough.
PRITCHARD, W., Earle Cottage, Earlestown, Lancs.
SPICER, W. C., 21, Astley Street, Maidstone.
TRIPLOW, N., 245, Hawthorn Rd., Ashington, N'land.
TONGE, E. M., 8, Cecilia Street, Ipswich.
WHITE, K. Miss, 17, Bishopsthorpe Rd., Sydenham.
WAGSTAFF, G., Well Closes Biggin, Hartington.
YEATMAN, G. C., 23, High Street, Poole, Dorset.

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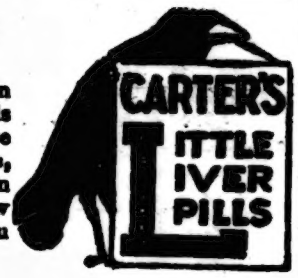

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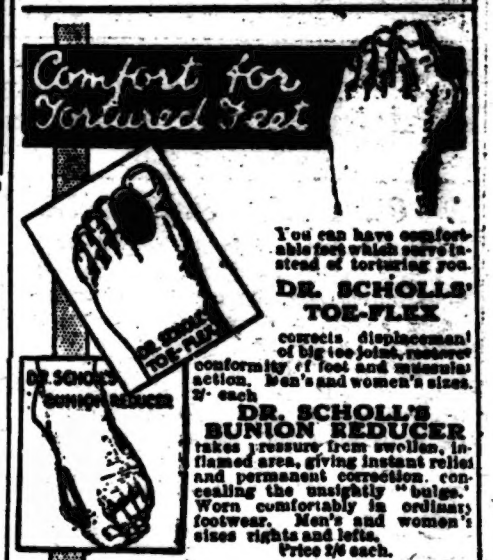

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